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EDITORIAL.

WE regret to announce that, since our last issue, it has been our misfortune to lose one of our girls, Gladys Cooper, of Form IIIA.1, who passed away on January 5th. In our first Assembly of the Spring Term, the whole of the School paid its respects to Gladys. We recalled in that Assembly that the last words entered against her name in the School records were that she was a girl "to be proud of," words written at the end of the Autumn Term when there was no suspicion that it would be her last term. Our sorrow at her untimely passing on is mingled with inspiration and pride that her last report was such a tribute to her finer qualities. We shall always remember Gladys Cooper as a girl who did her utmost, and as one "to be proud of."

Among the developments which should be chronicled in this issue we must mention the throwing open of the School Library to the whole School, as a reading room equipped with newspapers, numerous periodicals and books of reference. The literature provided covers a wide range of interests, and affords pupils a great opportunity for education and pleasure in a very real way. The enthusiasm displayed in using the Library has more than justified

its recent development. The School is grateful to the many members of the staff who have assisted in this development. We hope in the near future to record still more outstanding progress in the School Library.

Turning to another of our activities, the football of the School, it seems impossible to hope for much further improvement there, when we consider that our First Eleven has gone through the season unbeaten, despite the fact that games have been played against formidable opponents. Details of their performances are given elsewhere in these pages, but here we offer them our sincere and hearty congratulations on bringing credit to the School as they have.

We are anticipating an extension of facilities for games in the near future, now that the levelling and draining of a large part of the playing field are actually in progress. Speculations as to when the new part will be in use are very uncertain, in that they depend in a large measure on the vagaries of our weather.

The approaching completion of the new Gymnasium is bringing with it great expectations of hours of even more delightful and healthful exercise than we have enjoyed in the past in the old Gymnasium. The lofty and spacious new building, with its excellent equipment, will be a great asset to the School.

We are grateful to the Borough of Oldbury for the generous offer of a Coronation Souvenir Book to each of our pupils. The occasion of the presentation of these books by the Mayor of Oldbury was made both enjoyable and impressive by the inclusion of some of the best of our national music and poetry.

We were delighted to have visitors with us on that occasion, and in particular to hear His Worship the Mayor, Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P., and the Chairman of our Governors, County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P. speak in our Assembly.

The School will remember with great satisfaction our other effort at the time of the Coronation, the voluntary subscription of £36 to the fund for the endowment of the Oldbury Coronation Cot in the Children's Ward of the West Bromwich and District Hospital. We are particularly pleased to be able to record this effort on behalf of a worthy charity, for it demonstrates that, despite our many activities within the School, we have at heart the service of others.

From the old Scholars of the School, the Cresconians, has come a request that more of those who are just leaving the School will undertake responsible work in the Association. There are various privileges and opportunities for those who do so, and we must bear in mind that, by joining the Association, many valuable friendships formed in School, both in the classroom and on the field, will be established. It is hoped that all leavers will join, so that contact with the School, for which we all have such a deep affection, will be maintained, and will make for mutual benefit

Dates to Remember.

- May 10.—Distribution of Coronation Souvenirs.
May 12—19.—Combined Coronation and Whitsuntide Holiday.
June 3.—Sports Day.
June 5.—Musical Festival.
July 2.—J.M.B. Examinations begin.
July 12.—School Examinations begin.
July 20.—Boys' Swimming Sports.
July 21.—Girls' Swimming Sports.
July 29.—Term ends.
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Valete.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936—

- SHEILA POUNTNEY.—Form VIB. Prefect; House Secretary.
S. A. PEARSON.—Form VA.I. Prefect; School Certificate; Cast of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." Accountancy.
DOROTHY ROBBINS.—Form IVB. At Oldbury Library.
DOREEN FORSTER.—Form VIB. Prefect; School Certificate; 1st XI. Hockey; Hockey Colours; Cast of "Cabbages and Kings," "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" and "Pride and Prejudice. In Pathological Department of Children's Hospital.
KATHLEEN SUTTON.—Form VIB. Prefect; School Certificate. A clerk at Empire Garage, Smethwick.
R. J. BATES.—Form VIB. School Certificate. A clerk at Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds.
PEGGY OWINS. Form VIB. Prefect; House Sports Captain; Captain of 1st XI. Hockey Team; Hockey Colours. At Comptometer School.
P. HOWSE.—Form Vc. At Queen's College.
D. CROMPTON.—Form VA.I. 1st XI. Football; 2nd XI. Cricket. In Drawing Office at Coombes Wood Works.
JEAN WILLETTS.—Form VB. In father's office.
E. HONEYSETT.—Form Vc. 2nd XI. Football. In his father's business.
MARGARET DOBBIE.—Form Vc. Patrol Second in the Guide Company; Cast of "Pride and Prejudice." At home.

- M. LESTER.—Form Vc.
 W. STURGES.—Form IIIB. At Messrs. W. Jackson.
 A. EVANS.—Form Vc. 1st XI. Football. A clerk.
 MARION TAYLOR.—Form VA2. House Sports Captain. A clerk at the
 S.W.S.
 C. E. COX.—Form VA.2.
 JANET HARRIS.—Form IVB. Transferred to Harborne.

SPRING TERM, 1937—

- J. ASKEW.—Form VA.1. Prefect; Cast of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" and "Pride and Prejudice;" House Secretary and Vice-Captain; Joint Societies Honours for Dramatics. A Post Office Engineer.
 BOLTON.—Form IVB. Farming near Stafford.
 MARY G. BRIGHT.—Form VIA. Prefect; Matriculation; House Secretary; At the Birmingham Reference Library.
 J. B. ELLIS.—Form VIB. Prefect; Matriculation. A clerk.
 M. GAUNT.—Form IIIA.1. Transferred to Holly Lodge.
 C. MALE.—Form VIB. 2nd XI. Football; 2nd XI. Cricket. At F. E. Sidaway's Chartered Accountant's Office.
 MASTERS.—Form Vc. Prefect. Transferred to Bromsgrove County High School.
 LILY PULLINGER.—Form VIB. Prefect; Matriculation. A clerk at Messrs. Hope, Ltd.
 SNAPE.—Form Vc. A clerk.
 IRIS THORNTON.—Form VIB. Prefect; Matriculation; Cast of "Quality Street." At Smethwick Library.
 MARY VERNON.—Form IIIA.1. Transferred to George Dixon's.
 MARGARET WALLACE.—Form VIB. School Certificate; House Captain; 1st XI. Hockey. At Scribbans'.
 MARGARET WOOD.—Form Vc. At a Commercial School.

Salvete.

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| HILDA JELF. | MYRA DE COURCY. |
| PAT BABINGTON. | MARGARET MILFORD. |
| BARBARA JONES. | MARCUS LINDSLEY. |
| PETER RICHARDS. | |

Speech Day.

THE Chairman of the Governors, County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P., presided over a large audience of distinguished guests and parents on the occasion of the Annual Speech Day which was held in the School Assembly Hall on Thursday, October 29th.

After the Chairman had extended a welcome to the visitors a short report of the School's social activities was presented by the Girl Captain, Barbara Farrow, whose account included a variety of out-of-School interests whereby leisure had been spent most profitably and enjoyably.

This was followed by a pianoforte solo, Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody," played by P. Andrews.

Douglas Smith, the Boys' Captain, gave an account of the School's activities in the realm of sport and showed that, as ever, the School has deservedly maintained its high reputation.

A vocal solo, "In the Golden Morn," by Tschaikowsky, was then delightfully rendered by Margaret Moore.

The audience listened with great interest to the report of our new Head Master, Dr. C. C. Howard, who outlined his policy for the future of the School and urged all pupils to live up to the School's motto, "Cresco," both in body and mind, "Cresco."

A small choir of Senior Girls sang "Brother James' Air," after which His Worship the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman K. H. Wilson, J.P., C.C., presented the prizes. When the well-earned applause had died away His Worship gave a most inspiring address in which he pointed out the advantages of modern education. He gave his audience the stirring text which, he said, had remained with him from his own schooldays, "Launch out into the deep."

Votes of thanks to His Worship and to Alderman Davies were moved and carried with acclamation; and Speech Day was over, with yet another year in the history of the School most successfully completed.

Barbara Farrow, Form 6A.

Prize List.

FORM PRIZES FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY:

Form 1.—Beryl Stubbs.

Form 2A2.—1, Isabel Wallace; 2, Betty Ruderman; 3, Alfred A. Willetts.

Form 2A1.—1, John Atkins; 2, Stanley Herbert; 3, John Cooper.

Form 2B.—1, Kenneth Spalding; 2, Bernard Rowley; 3, William Davies.

Form 3B.—1, Kenneth Judd; 2, Ronald Tansley; 3, Dulcie Parkes.

Form 3A.—1, Clifford E. Adams; 2, Thomas Bagnall; 3, William Willetts.

Form 4B.—1, Joyce Williams; 2, Frederick Masters; 3, Ernest Honeysett.

Form 4A2.—1, Barbara Rose; 2, James Williams; 3, Jean Woodward.

Form 4A.—1, Brigid Ryan; 2, Frederick Nash; 3, Arthur Ruderman.

Form 5B.—1, Derek Howse; 2, Kathleen Nock; 3, José Jephcott.

CERTIFICATES FOR SHORTHAND (Stage 1):

Elizabeth Downing, Edith M. Goode, Phyllis Grosvenor, John Lee, Maisie I. Robinson, Gwendoline B. Jones, Brigid Ryan, Marion Taylor, Derek G. Howse.

GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATES:—

Lilian G. Dye, Doreen Forster, Molly Howells, Mildred James, Kathleen Sutton, Margaret C. Wallace; Rowland Bates, Wilfred Cox, Douglas Hadley, John Harris, Ernest Lowe, Charles Male, Raymond Nock, Stanley Pearson, Donald Poole, Thomas Redfern.

MATRICULATION CERTIFICATES:—

Mabel Craddock, Lily Pullinger, Iris Thornton; Peter H. Andrews, Bernard Ellis, John Richards, George Sambrooke.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES:—

Dorothy Bagnall, Barbara Farrow, Linda Hands.

SPECIAL PRIZES:—

Chess Prize—Frederick J. Harris.

Debating Prize—Barbara Farrow.

Dramatic Prize—Joan Price.

Special Progress Prize (presented by County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P.)—Ralph Priest.

Magazine Prize—Barbara Granville-Barker.

Mrs. Dawes' Prize for Leadership—Dorothy Bagnall.

Late Mr. Dawes' Prize for Leadership, Old Student's Medal for best influence in the School, and winner of Albright University Scholarship—Bernard Roebuck.

PRIZES FOR ATHLETICS:—

Girls' Junior Championship Medal—Dorothy Holden.

Boys' Junior Championship Medal—Ewart Hopkins.

Girls' Senior Championship Medal, and Albright Cup—Margot Jephcott.

Boys' Senior Championship Medal and Vernon Cup—John Richards.

Games Prize (Girls)—Margot Jephcott.

Games Prize (Boys)—John Harris and Raymond Nock.

Parents' Match (Cricket Shield)—The School.

HOUSE CUPS:—

For Physical Training (Girls)—King's House.

For Physical Training (Boys)—King's House.

For Swimming (Girls)—School House.

For Swimming (Boys)—King's House.

For Swimming (Girls and Boys)—King's House.

For Music (presented by County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P.)—Queen's House.

House Cup for Work and Sport (presented by Mrs. J. G. Howarth)—Queen's House.

King's House.

Captains	- -	M. CRADDOCK, D. SMITH.
Sports Captains	-	M. HOWELLS, K. HUNTING.
Secretary	- -	L. PULLINGER.
Vice-Captain	-	VARLEY.

DURING the last two terms, the members of King's House have contested keenly with the other three Houses in all the various activities, and they are to be congratulated for the credit which they have consequently brought to our House.

On Speech Day we learned of several House successes and we are very proud to relate that we received four cups—the Joint Swimming Cup, the Cup for Physical Training (Girls),—the Cup for Physical Training (Boys) and the House Cup for Swimming (Boys). We were also well represented by the prize winners and it is interesting to note that there were only three girls who obtained a Matriculation Certificate in July 1936 and that those three girls—M. Craddock, L. Pullinger and I. Thornton—are members of King's House.

The most important social event during the Autumn Term was the presentation of our annual school play, "Pride and Prejudice," which proved to be a great success. D. Smith as Mr. Bennett and R. Penney as Bingley took very prominent parts and minor parts were played by M. Craddock, Varley and Peters.

The first event worthy of noting during the very short Spring Term was the Guide Display, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We must congratulate all members who took part in the show, especially I. Thornton, who proved to be an excellent substitute in one of the leading parts in the play on the Saturday night, thereby being of splendid assistance to the company, of which she used to be a member. She had seen the play only once previously and learned her part inside twenty-four hours.

At the end of last term, King's House retained the Inter-House Championship in Hockey after having won it in the season 1935-36. Our eleven tied this year for first place with School House.

In the Inter-House football matches, King's were finally placed third; after starting well by beating School House by 6 goals to 4 and by drawing with Queen's three goals all, we lost to Trinity by four goals to nil. Incidentally, we must congratulate Varley and Penney who were presented with football colours at the end of the term and who helped the first eleven to make a splendid record.

Also at the end of the term D. Smith, our boy captain, was awarded his Joint Societies' Honours for Debating and Public Speaking.

Mabel Craddock.

Queen's House.

- Captains - - B. FARROW, ADAMS.
- Vice-Captains - J. JEPHCOTT, ASKEW.
- Sports Captains - M. WARR, ADAMS.
- Secretary - - P. H. ANDREWS.

THE last two terms have proved very enjoyable and successful for the House. The first event of note was Speech Day, when members of Queen's were prominent amongst those who received prizes. In the Special Prizes, the House was awarded the cup for all-round supremacy throughout the year. M. Moore gave a vocal solo and Andrews a piano solo.

Next came the school play, in which we were well-represented by J. Jephcott, B. Farrow, D. Forster, A. Taylor, M. Dobbie, Askew and Andrews. B. Farrow and Askew were especially good.

In the Inter-School debates, Queen's provided two of the principal speakers, B. Farrow and E. Westwood.

In the Hockey team we were represented by D. Forster, J. Woodward, B. Rose, E. Westwood, M. Warr and B. Farrow, the last two receiving well-earned colours. In House matches, we were successful against Trinity by 9 goals to 0, but lost to King's 2-0.

In the most successful football eleven for many years were C. Smith, outside-left, and J. P. Adams, right-back, from Queen's, and both received their colours. In the House matches we were second, on goal average, beating Trinity 5-2, drawing with King's 3-3, and losing to School 6-1.

An unusually large number of members took part in the annual Guide Display; half of the total cast came from Queen's.

We wish success to all our members who have left us; and, to those who have taken their places, we say that we have a full time ahead of us, and the prestige of Queen's House must, and will, be upheld.

P. H. Andrews.

School House.

- Captains - - M. BROWN, HARRIS.
- Vice-Captains - J. CRUMP, HADLEY.
- Sports Captains - D. HOLDEN, HOPKINS.
- Secretary - - M. BRIGHT.

ALTHOUGH the Autumn and Spring Terms are never so eventful as the Summer Term, yet the last two terms have provided ample opportunity for members of our House to show their skill and prowess in various school activities.

Last Autumn's great event was the School play, which was "Pride and Prejudice" and School House offers its congratulations to its three members, May Brown, as Elizabeth Bennett, the heroine, and Mary Goode and Harris, as Lydia and Wickham, on their fine acting. May Brown is to receive the Dramatic Honours awarded by the Joint Societies, this year, for her splendid performance in this and previous school plays, and to her we say "Well done!"

Three School House girls played for the Hockey XI. and of these Dorothy Holden, our sports captain, is to be congratulated upon being awarded her Hockey Colours. Five boys of our House were among the members of the First XI. who were awarded Football Colours this season and to these boys, Harris, Hartley, A. R. Hopkins, E. Hopkins and Hadley, we offer our congratulations.

In the Inter-House matches, School House Hockey XI. succeeded in drawing with King's for first place, and in football, too, School achieved first place.

The members of School House would like to take this opportunity of congratulating one of its old members Kathleen Howells on becoming a member of The Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, Medical Electricity, Light and Electro Therapy.

In conclusion, we wish our House great success in the many important events of next term, confident that all its members will do their best to make School House first in all of them.

Mary G. Bright.

Trinity House.

Captains - - J. TURNER, R. D. WILLIAMS.
 Sports Captains - K. NOCK, J. C. BUTTON.
 Secretary - - F. D. NASH.

THE last two terms have been filled with interesting events, in nearly all of which Trinity can claim to have had a great deal of success.

A number of our members were included in the cast of the School Play and acquitted themselves well.

On Speech Day, some of our members, past and present, succeeded in obtaining prizes.

The House football eleven obtained half the possible points by beating King's, drawing with School, and losing to Queen's.

Of the members of the team we wish especially to congratulate Jones and Howse on obtaining their football colours. In spite of an excellent team spirit, the House hockey team did not succeed in defeating the other Houses.

At the end of last term, Trinity suffered a great loss in the departure of her girl captains and secretary. We wish them, and all those others who have left us, every success in their new walk of life. To those who have taken their places in the House, we offer a hearty welcome and hope that, in the near future, they will settle down and help to uphold the prestige of Trinity.

F. Nash.

Hockey.

Captain—B. FARROW.

Vice-Captain—M. WARR.

Secretary—J. WOODWARD.

Team—

B. FARROW, B. ROSE, I. HALL, M. HOWELLS, E. WESTWOOD, J. TURNER, D. HOLDEN, E. DOWNING, M. WARR, J. WOODWARD, M. GOODE.

THE Hockey season proved to be fairly successful on the whole, although many of the matches had to be cancelled.

The team must be congratulated for the good games which were played both at home and away. Well earned colours were won by B. Farrow, M. Warr and D. Holden.

Only eleven matches were played, seven of which were won, two lost and two drawn.

Date.	Opponent.	Home or Away.	Result.
Oct. 10.—	Dudley	Home ...	Won 7—1
„ 14.—	Wolverhampton Secondary	Home ...	Won 3—1
„ 24.—	Wolverhampton High School	Away ...	Drawn 2—2
Nov. 7.—	West Bromwich	Away ...	Won 8—1
„ 14.—	Holly Lodge	Away ...	Won 3—2
„ 28.—	Walsall	Home ...	Won 8—0
Dec. 5.—	Kidderminster	Away ...	Drawn 3—3
„ 19.—	Holly Lodge	Away ...	Lost 2—6
Feb. 6.—	Halesowen	Away ...	Won 4—3
„ 13.—	George Dixon	Away ...	Won 4—1
Mar. 17.—	Wolverhampton Secondary	Away ...	Lost 1—4

Jean Woodward.

Football, 1936-37.

1st XI. Captain—D. HADLEY. Vice-Captain—F. J. HARRIS.

Secretary—P. H. ANDREWS.

Committee—D. HADLEY, F. J. HARRIS, D. SMITH, W. COX,
C. SMITH, J. P. ADAMS and D. VARLEY.

RARELY does any sporting combination experience the success of the first XI. during the 1936-7 season, when, out of 17 matches played, 13 were won, four drawn and none lost. With the team playing so brilliantly and consistently, it is perhaps a pity that nine matches were cancelled owing to bad weather.

It is impossible to pick out any individuals as being distinctly superior to the others, as the side was always one which combined well, and never consisted of 11 units playing by themselves.

All the team were awarded their colours—an unprecedented occurrence, but they were well earned.

Congratulations to Hadley, who led the side magnificently, and to a team which has added considerably to the School's sporting records and prestige.

The second XI. had a much less successful season, playing 13, of which they won three and lost 10, but they never lost heart and always tried hard.

The results of the season's games are:—

First Term:—

			1st XI.			2nd XI.
Holly Lodge	...	...	H 2—2	Draw	...	A 1—11 Lost
Redditch	...	...	H 8—0	Won	...	————
Dudley	...	...	A 2—2	Draw	...	H 2—3 Lost
West Bromwich	...	...	H 8—2	Won	...	A 1—8 Lost
Wolverhampton	...	...	H 4—2	Won	...	A 1—6 Lost
King's Norton	...	...	Cancelled	...	...	Cancelled
Lawrence's College	...	...	H 4—0	Won	...	A 6—1 Lost
Smethwick	...	...	Cancelled	...	...	Cancelled
St. Phillip's	...	...	A 6—0	Won	...	H 0—2 Lost
Handsworth	...	...	A 2—2	Draw	...	H 4—2 Won
Redditch	...	...	A 7—1	Won	...	————
Handsworth	...	...	H 8—5	Won	...	A 0—1 Lost
Cresconians	...	...	H 2—2	Draw	...	A 0—1 Lost
			53—18			15—34

Second Term : —

		1st XI.		2nd XI.
St. Philip's	...	H 2—0 Won	...	A 2—1 Won
Stourbridge	...	H 2—1 Won	...	A 0—8 Lost
Bromsgrove	...	Cancelled		————
King's Norton	...	H 4—0 Won	...	A 2—3 Lost
Wolverhampton	...	Cancelled	...	Cancelled
West Bromwich	...	Cancelled	...	Cancelled
Dudley	...	Cancelled	...	Cancelled
Holly Lodge	...	Cancelled	...	Cancelled
Smethwick	...	H 11—3 Won	...	A 2—5 Lost
Lawrence's College	...	Cancelled	...	A 0—5 Lost
Bromsgrove	...	Cancelled		————
Stourbridge	...	A 6—5 Won	...	Cancelled
Cresconians	...	A 8—2 Won		————
		————		————
		33—11		6—22
		————		————

Total goals for 86. Total goals against 29.

Hartley was top goal-scorer with 26 goals.

Those who represented the 1st and 2nd XI's during the season were :—

1st XI.—Penney, Adams, Varley, R. Jones, A. Hopkins, Howse, Hartley, F. J. Harris, E. Hopkins, Hadley, C. Smith, Harper, G. Hopkins, W. Cox, Evans, Crompton, Taylor and Button.

2nd XI.—Taylor, W. Cox, Evans, K. Jones, D. Smith, G. Hopkins, Harper, Craddock, Andrews, R. Jones, Williams, Male, Watkins, Goatman, Penney, Hartley, Sherwood, Peters, Button, E. Honeysett, E. Hopkins and A. Jones.

P. H. Andrews.

The Joint Societies.

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Secretary—R. D. WILLIAMS.

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B. ROSE, G. CUMMING, J. WOODWARD, R. PENNEY, M. WARR,
B. HARTLEY, E. READ, ADAMS.

THE beginning of a new session always brings changes in the membership of the Societies, and it was with great regret that we bade farewell to our first president, Mr. Howarth, at the end of last year; we wish him and Mrs. Howarth every happiness in their new home, and we assure them that they will not quickly be forgotten.

Time cannot stand still, however, and we were very pleased to welcome to the Societies Dr. Howard, who is now our president, and Mrs. Howard. We have already been given proof of the interest they take in the Societies, and I think they realize that we do appreciate it.

Although, owing to the early Easter, the session has been short, meetings have been held whenever possible and have been as varied and enjoyable as ever in spite of one or two disappointments.

Sept. 22nd.—The first meeting of the session was, as usual, a business one at which officers were elected; the Chairman welcomed the new members and a committee meeting was held afterwards to arrange a programme for the session.

Sept. 29th.—This meeting was arranged in the form of three short debates, which gave everyone a chance to join in, particularly as the principal speakers were chosen to represent different forms.

The prestige of the Sixth Form was upheld by R. Williams and May Brown, who proposed the motion that "The Pioneering Spirit is Dead." They were opposed by Evelyn Westwood and T. Hopkins, of 5A. After several speeches from the floor, the motion was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The second debate was on the motion "Spare the rod and spoil the child," which was proposed by Cumming and Mary Goode (5A), and opposed by Audrey James and Penney (5B). As might be expected, this motion was defeated by an even more overwhelming majority than the previous one.

There had been a misunderstanding about the third subject which was not discovered in time for the principal speakers to prepare fresh speeches. Mary Warr and Hartley thus proposed the motion that "Bicycles should be abolished," while Bagnall and Toogood opposed "That bicycles should be taxed." In this case no votes were taken.

All the speeches were interesting and well put, but there were fewer speeches than usual from the floor.

A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by D. Smith and seconded by Doreen Forster.

Oct. 6th.—This meeting also was taken up by debates—this time impromptu—owing to the fact that Mr. Newton-Hearn, who had arranged to give us some impressions of his stay in Germany, was unable to come.

In each case a subject was picked from a "hat" and two names from another. After the speeches two speakers were called for from the floor, and finally votes were taken.

The first motion "East, West, Home's best," was proposed by R. Williams and opposed by P. Andrews; owing to the difficulty of counting and the obvious majority by which the motion was carried, numbers of votes were not taken.

Peggy Wallace proposed that "Cyclists and pedestrians are the chief causes of accidents on the roads," and Audrey James opposed it. Owing to the plebeian majority, this motion was rejected by the House.

"Homework is an unnecessary evil," was next; this was put forward by Mary Bright, and (bravely) opposed by Mabel Craddock. I need hardly say that the motion was carried.

The next motion caused no little confusion to the proposer, T. Hopkins, the opposer, Maisie Harris, and speakers from the floor; it was: "It is better to seem a bigger fool than you are than to be a bigger fool than you seem." Apparently our members would rather look fools than be fools, for the motion was carried almost unanimously.

Next Nash proposed, and Button opposed, the motion that "Sport plays too great a part in the life of to-day." As might be expected, this was defeated.

More amusement was provided by the next debate, on the motion "Breaking windows is good for trade," proposed by Alger and opposed by Cumming. It was defeated.

Joyce Turner then proposed that "Girls are more conscientious than boys," a motion which D. Smith vigorously opposed. Since the numbers of votes were very close they were taken, and the motion was found to have been defeated by a majority of nine.

Finally, Doreen Forster proposed, and F. J. Harris opposed the motion that "Modern education is too bookish." This was also defeated, by a majority of seven.

Phyllis Grosvenor and K. Hunting respectively proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to all the speakers.

On Oct. 13th Mr. Newton-Hearn came to give us some impressions of the Germany of to-day, gained during his stay there last year.

He began by telling us the differences between foreigners and ourselves, then he compared the German people and life with ours, pointing out the differences of home life caused by such things as living in flats and by the large amount of trouble taken over what we consider mere trifles.

He then explained a few of the points about which there is so much misunderstanding in this country and others, such as the "Storm Troopers" and Youth Movements, and he concluded by giving us a brief comparison of the German educational system with ours; finally he answered several questions put by members of the audience.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Newton-Hearn was proposed by Mabel Craddock and seconded by T. Hopkins and unanimously carried.

No meeting was held on October 20th, owing to the Inter-School Debate on the 23rd.

On October 23rd we had our annual debate with Halesowen Grammar School. This year it was our turn to entertain, and at 4-30 about 100 of Halesowen's Debating Society arrived. The first item on the programme, after everyone had been appropriately labelled, was tea, which was enjoyed by us and apparently by Halesowen also. After tea we adjourned to the Hall and the debate began.

Halesowen proposed the motion, which was "The Sexes should be educated separately"; their speeches were full of facts and very well put, each speaker taking a different view-point. Our Society was represented by Barbara Farrow, R. D. Williams and Evelyn Westwood, who between them apparently convinced their audience of their views, for the motion was defeated by a large majority.

After the debate a short dance was held, music being provided by our School "Dance Band," who made a very successful debut on this occasion. Their efforts were well appreciated, and we hope they will continue the good work in the future.

Oct. 27th.—At this meeting we were given a very interesting and—dare I say illuminating?—lecture on coal gas. The lecture was given by R. J. Bates, who first of all gave us a brief account of the history of gas, illustrated by pictures of some of the pioneers of this branch of Science.

He then gave us a practical demonstration of the production of gas, by means of a model gas works, explaining in some detail the processes concerned. Finally he took us, by means of lantern slides, on a tour of a modern gas works.

A vote of thanks was proposed by May Brown and Seconded by F. Nash.

Nov. 3rd.—Half Term.

Nov. 10th.—Two of our own members again provided the fare for this meeting; Doreen Forster first gave us an extremely interesting account of the life of Jane Austen, after which Molly Howells gave an equally interesting one of her works and style of writing.

Both these papers were very well presented, and it was evident that a great deal of time and trouble had been spent in preparation. The fact that Jane Austen was the chosen author was especially interesting to us since the School play this year was an adaption of one of her best-known novels—"Pride and Prejudice."

A vote of thanks to both members was proposed by R. Penney and seconded by Maisie Harris.

Nov. 17th.—No ordinary meeting was held, as the dress rehearsal of the School play was held, with an appreciative audience of juniors.

On Nov. 19th and 21st the two public performances of "Pride and Prejudice" were given, of which an account will be found elsewhere.

Nov. 24th.—A short dance had been arranged for this week, but owing to the dense fog it was postponed until the next.

Dec. 1st.—The dance arranged for the previous week was held, preceded by an old friend of ours: "Campbell of Kilmhor," by J. A. Ferguson, which was read by Form 5c. Music for the dance was provided by our own band who have already acquired quite a style of their own in spite of this being only their second performance.

This was the last meeting of the term, none being held on December 8th and 15th owing to examinations.

Jan. 14th.—About one hundred and thirty members went in the evening to the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, to see their wonderful production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went, and I am sure will long be remembered by them.

On January 19th we welcomed Mr. Smith once more, when he came to give us another recital. His programme was as follows:—

"The Builder," by Humbert Wolfe.

"Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came," by Robert Browning.

"Prospice," by Robert Browning.

"Ecstasy," by W. J. Turner.

"The Great Lover," by Rupert Brook.

"The Ice Cart," by Wilfred Gibson.

"The Cheerful Crocodile," by T. Bolt.

"Laugh and be Merry," by John Masefield.

As may be seen, Mr. Smith's choice was varied enough to suit all tastes, and he was much appreciated, a vote of thanks proposed by Mary Bright and seconded by F. J. Harris being carried unanimously.

Jan. 26th.—At this meeting two papers on "Neon Lighting," by D. Smith and R. D. Williams, were read. Owing to absence of the latter, both the papers were read by D. Smith. They described the manufacture of Neon tubes and similar lamps and explained in outline the theory on which they work, and practical demonstrations were given which were well appreciated.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Brigid Ryan and seconded by K. Hunting.

The debating section of the Societies was again to the fore on February 2nd, when six short debates were held. These were pre-arranged, that is to say the speeches were not impromptu. In each case one speaker from the platform proposed the motion, then another opposed it, then two speakers from the floor were called for, after which voluntary speeches from the floor (if any) were heard, and votes were taken.

The first motion was "Thrice blest is he who gets his blow in first." Mabel Craddock got her blow in first by proposing the motion and in doing so was thrice blest in beating her opponent—Ruderman—for the motion was carried by 40 votes to 31.

"That Man has the right to take his own life," was proposed by R. D. Williams and opposed by Molly Howells. In this case the motion was carried by 41 votes to 30.

Srawley next proposed the somewhat socialistic motion "That Newspapers should be controlled by the State," Mary Bright opposing. In this case the motion was carried by an overwhelming majority.

I think everyone had a personal interest in the motion of the next debate, which was proposed by D. Smith and opposed by Eva Worton. It was "We owe more to the fools who rush in than the angels who fear to tread." Owing to the impetuosity (and modesty?) of the floor the motion was carried by an obvious majority.

P. Andrews and Edna Adams were the next combatants. They proposed and opposed respectively the motion "That Strikes are unjustifiable." In this case the motion was defeated by 45 votes to 26.

Finally Iris Thornton proposed "That Gambling is a National Evil," while R. Penney opposed it. Either the latter was very convincing or we have some "black sheep" among us, for the motion was defeated by 41 votes to 30.

All the speeches made were interesting and in most cases convincing; a vote of thanks to all the speakers was proposed by Collins and seconded by Mary Goode.

On February 5th a representative portion of our Societies met the Debating Society of Holly Lodge High School for Boys in a debate. The function was held at Oldbury and at 4-30, 25 Holly Lodge members arrived; after being "labelled" with their names the company proceeded to the dining hall for tea. After tea we all returned to the Hall for actual debate.

The motion was "That Rearmament is Essential for National Existence"; it was proposed by Holly Lodge, whose two principal speakers put forward their case very ably. Their opponents representing Oldbury were Barbara Farrow and R. D. Williams, who were not so successful in moving their audience, for the motion was carried by a substantial majority.

We all felt that the meeting had been an enjoyable and successful one, however, and we hope that this will not be the last debate we have with Holly Lodge.

Feb. 9th.—A literary evening was provided by Mr. Woodbine, of the Birmingham Reference Library, who gave us a lecture on "Books before the introduction of Printing." He described the types of books and the methods and materials used in their making from the time of Babylonians and ancient Egyptians to the time when printing was first generally used. The talk was very interesting and was enlivened by several amusing anecdotes and illustrated by pictures shown by means of the epidiascope.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Woodbine, together with a hope of a future visit, was proposed by Mary Bright and seconded by F. Nash.

Feb. 16th.—Half Term.

Feb. 23rd.—John Galsworthy was the subject of this evening's entertainment. First of all May Brown gave us a short account of his life and works, then she acted as compère to a reading of one of his best-known plays—"Strife"—given by members of the Society.

In spite of one or two "unrehearsed effects" the evening went off very successfully, and a vote of thanks to all the members concerned was proposed by D. Howse and seconded by Alma Taylor.

On March 2nd a biological evening was provided by members of the Sixth Form. First of all three films were shown—"Sea Birds," "Birds of Prey" and "Kruger National Park," of which the latter was described by Miss Foster, who was accepted as a member of the Sixth Form for the occasion.

The second part of the programme was a paper entitled "Murder in the Plant Kingdom," prepared and read by Molly Howells. She described several interesting and parasitic plants, illustrating her talk with pictures shown by means of the epidiascope.

Some microscope slides were then shown on the screen by means of the micro-projector, being described and points of interest shown by R. D. Williams.

A vote of thanks to Miss Allen and Miss Foster, R. Priest, who very kindly lent his film projector and came to work it, and the members of the Sixth Form concerned, was proposed by Maisie Harris, seconded by R. Penney and carried unanimously.

The last ordinary meeting of the session was held on Thursday, March 18th, not on Tuesday, owing to examinations. At the meeting, Dr. Howard, our President, and Mrs. Howard provided us with musical entertainment. The programme was as follows, Dr. Howard playing the piano and Mrs. Howard the violin:—

PIANO:	<i>Brahms</i>	...	Waltzes, No. 1-8.
	<i>Godard</i>...	...	Valse Chromatique.
VIOLIN:	<i>Wieniawski</i>	...	Movements from Second Violin Concerto.
	<i>Sammartini</i>	...	Melody.
PIANO:	<i>Bach</i>	...	Gavotte and Musette from English Suite No. 3.
	<i>Bach-Tausig</i>	...	Toccata and Fugue in D Minor.

- VIOLIN : *Schubert* ... Ave Maria.
 Foulds Keltic Lament.
- PIANO : *Brahms* ... Six Waltzes.
- VIOLIN : *Pietro Mascagni* Intermezzo.
 Godard... ... Berceuse de Jocelyn.
 O'Connor-Morris Londonderry Air.
- PIANO : *Rachmaninoff*... Melody in E Major.
 Rachmaninoff... Prelude in C Sharp Minor.

All members were present, and all appreciated the evening very much, even our usually fidgetty members and the dance band "fans" being so interested that they sat still for two hours! A vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Howard was proposed by Mary Bright, seconded by R. D. Williams, and carried unanimously.

On March 23rd the session was brought to a close by a very enjoyable dance, but on March 24th a committee meeting was held at which it was decided to present the Societies' awards for Dramatics to J. Askew and May Brown for their performances in three School plays each, and particularly good performances in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," when May Brown was Henrietta and Askew Octavius, and in "Pride and Prejudice," in which May Brown was the heroine—Elizabeth—while Askew was Mr. Darcy. The awards for Public Speaking go to D. Smith and R. D. Williams.

During the session several invitations were received from other schools to their plays.

On December 16th some members visited West Bromwich Secondary School to see their production of Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona." This was a very good production, and was enjoyed by all who saw it.

A number of members also visited Holly Lodge High School for Boys on December 18th, to see their plays. These were "The Choephoroe," a Greek tragedy by Aeschylus, and a Nativity play "The Finding of the King," by T. C. Happold. Both of these were exceedingly well presented, and Holly Lodge must be congratulated both on their excellent acting and singing.

Halesowen Grammar School was also visited on February 17th, when some of us went to see "As You Like It." This was much enjoyed.

All these plays were appreciated by the members who went to see them, and we thank these Schools for their kind invitations.

We thus come to the end of yet another session, which we all feel has been a very successful one. We feel sure that future sessions will be just as enjoyable, however, and we hope that the members who will shortly be leaving us will, in the future, look back to happy memories of the meetings and outings of the Joint societies.

R. D. Williams.

Pride and Prejudice.

AFTER a decade of successful productions the choice of a successor has become a most difficult matter. However, in the course of July, the play is selected and each year players and audiences vote it "the best production yet." Nevertheless we still look back with great pleasure to the earliest productions and feel that each one takes its place worthily among its peers.

In "Pride and Prejudice," Mr. Bennet and his family first claimed our interest in the drawing room at Longbourn in the year 1769. With kindly dignity Smith played the part of Mr. Bennet, a gentleman possessing much patience and a sense of humour, else how could he have borne for so long the hysterical outbursts of the worthy but excitable Mrs. Bennet? Barbara Farrow gave a most consistent study of that impetuous lady and received well-earned applause for sustaining so exacting a rôle.

Of their three daughters, Lydia, the youngest, rather foolish and so infatuated with her soldier friends, found in Mary Goode an eager and youthful interpreter. The rôle of Jane, the beautiful Miss Bennet, was played with quiet charm and poise by Dorothy Siviter, and May Brown sustained with the greatest honour the part of Elizabeth—the "Prejudice" of our title. So delightful was her manner, so clear her diction and so natural her love and concern for her family that she was indeed an Elizabeth after Jane Austen's own heart. Among the friends of the Bennet family were Sir William and Lady Lucas, their daughter Charlotte. Andrews, as Sir William, was faithful to the type of kindly country squire, and as Lady Lucas, eager to gossip and to "settle" her daughter in life, Mabel Craddock was quite successful. Of their military friends we admired Harris, Varley and Button in their splendid uniforms. It was difficult to believe that Harris, as Wickham, was the "villain" of the play—but then, so engaging was his charm, so credible his tale, that he deceived Elizabeth too, and in the end was apparently forgiven by all.

In Act II. in the Library at Netherfield, we were introduced to Mr. Bingley and his sister and their friend Mr. Darcy. As Mr. Bingley, handsome, attractive, falling in love at first sight with

the beautiful Miss Jane, yet weakly following the counsel of his friend, Penney gave an admirable performance with much grace and charm and a consistent delineation of this delightful person. As his friend Mr. Fitzgerald Darcy—the “Pride” of our title—Askew was entrusted with an important part, which he played with a proud dignity yet also with a quiet and impressive sincerity. The haughty Miss Bingley, intent on saving her brother from marrying “beneath” him, came to life in Jose Jephcott, whose tones and movements were carefully studied to convey just the right effect.

In Act III. the scene was set at the Parsonage, at Hunsford, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collins. The ineffable Mr. Collins, nephew and heir of Mr. Bennet, came to Longbourn with the honourable intention of making an offer of marriage to one of his cousins. Upon Elizabeth’s refusal of him as a husband, much to his own amazement, he sought a wife in Charlotte Lucas. In her study of Charlotte’s character, Doreen Forster showed excellently its light and shade—the humour and the gratitude, the natural tact and gentle dignity of such a very human creature. And Mr. Collins—do we not still remember his unctuous tones, his characteristic movements and his obsequious devotion to his patron, Lady Catherine? For the time being Nash really was Mr. Collins and lived completely in the part. With the imposing garments of Lady Catherine de Bourgh, Evelyn Westwood assumed most convincingly her forbidding manner, her outrageous condescension and patronising speech. This was a difficult rôle, well sustained to the end, even when dismissed by Elizabeth. In this scene, too, Fox gave a clear characterisation of Colonel Fitzwilliam, a plain blunt soldier, devoted to his friends.

But in a play not all can play the parts of hero or heroine or even villain—humbler rôles are as necessary as the major ones. Srawley was an ideal butler. His head was carried at the correct angle, his chin at the right elevation, his gaze discreetly lowered as his figure glided unhurriedly from door to door. As footmen, Hartley and Peters were seen but not heard—most desirable qualities for their walk in life. Margaret Dobbie as Mr. Bennet’s housekeeper was cheerful and most kind and sympathetic towards her hysterical mistress. At Hunsford Parsonage Alma Taylor was the typical country maid, both shrewd and eager to see all that happened.

In the end, of course, all the tangles were straightened out, all misunderstandings removed, the lovers happy and re-united and presumably fathers and mothers, too. “Pride” and “Prejudice” had learnt the place and sometimes the folly of each.

Once more the School expresses gratitude and appreciation to all the players, some veterans now and some newcomers, who made "Pride and Prejudice" a memorable achievement in 1936. The pleasure was enhanced by old friends who came yet once more to charm all by their music. C. Lyman, E. Stanley, D. Stevens and Andrews came most willingly to give us of their best and are assured of our deep appreciation. Every year our audiences fill the School Hall, eager and appreciative audiences, who come with happy memories of past successes and proud assurance of pleasure in store. That is the greatest reward that any producer can desire, and Miss Jones, in spite of all the hard work of production, must feel the inspiration of such continued support. To her the School expresses most grateful thanks but, being greedy, only asks for more.

May we add one gentle word on the author—

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety."

How true this is of Jane Austen and the delightful charm of her work! Leaving the company of the eighteenth century novelists, some very proper, some most improper, and many forgotten, her name will appear next year on our programmes sharing with quiet amusement the fame of Goldsmith, Sheridan and Barrie.

E.M.F.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE. Lieutenant Miss J. L. DAVIES.

Ranger Leader—B. FARROW.

Patrol Leaders—M. CRADDOCK, J. JEPHCOTT, M. JEPHCOTT.

THE last two terms have proved very busy and profitable ones for the School Guide Company. Besides our usual badge-work and dancing, in the Autumn term we held an Enrolment. We were very pleased, on this occasion, to welcome our new Head Master and Mrs. Howard to our Guide Company, and we remember with gratitude Dr. Howard's words of encouragement and support. We were also privileged to have Miss G. Norman, of Wolverhampton, to address us.

One of the many outside activities in which Guides of the 1st Oldbury Company took part was a Rally at Wolverhampton, addressed by the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell.

At the end of this term, and during the Christmas holidays, the Guides were very busy beginning rehearsals of their Annual Display which was given in February. The programme, which

consisted of a one-act play, "No Thoroughfare," and a "Coronation Cabaret" was more ambitious than any we have attempted before, but the resulting success certainly justified our choice.

The "Coronation Cabaret" consisted of singing and dancing, and included the following items, a sailor's hornpipe, a Dutch dance, a tap dance, a Tyrolean dance, an Irish jig, ancient and modern dances, scarf and Greek dances, and soldiers, not to mention the indefatigable chorus which sang, danced and even drilled, throughout the cabaret, very appropriately dressed in red, white and blue. Each item was introduced, in apt verse, by a "Cabaret" Fairy and the final Union Jack tableau to the tune "Here's a Health Unto His Majesty!" was a fitting conclusion.

Since the Autumn our company has been very depleted in numbers because so many of our old Guides had left in July, and we therefore arranged a "Guest Evening," and our guests were so pleased with their introduction to Guiding that we gained many new recruits, who we are now busy training for their Tenderfoot Tests and Enrolment.

The most important and exciting event of our Guide year, however, has yet to come, that is our holiday in Switzerland in August. Much of our energies this year have been expended in raising funds for this journey and we have held two successful Jumble Sales, besides other money-making schemes to swell the Company funds.

B. Farrow.

A Wood in Moonlight.

A silver moon was sailing overhead,
The whispering pines in pools of shadow lay,
Their arms outstretched in welcome to the light;
The moon-bathed grass was bending to the breeze,
And here and there the dew gleamed crystal clear;
The timid rabbits scuttled forth in play
Among the grey-green ferns and bracken bright,
The twitter of some sleepy bird seemed shrill
Upon the stillness of the midnight air;
And over all the moonlight was serene.

Winifred Fisher, Forin 5A.

After the Rain.

From the grey clouds that gather'd in the sky,
 Small silv'ry raindrops fell upon the earth,
 Reflecting sun-rays, which were shining, through
 The dull, grey clouds, on to the earth beneath.
 The raindrops ceas'd to fall, the earth refresh'd
 Looked more lov'ly than it did before.
 The butterflies, which had retreated, came,
 And flitted round the flow'rs again, like moths,
 Attracted by the flame, around it play
 Until they reap of their own foolishness
 The well deserv'd reward of singed wings.
 The birds renew'd their joyous lay once more,
 The raindrops sparkled on the leaves like gems,
 And thousands of these colour'd gems transfix'd,
 To form a sev'n hued bow upon the sky.

Ivy Rollason, Form 5A2.

Malvern.

Malvern, whose crests rise high above the plain,
 'Twixt silver Severn and the hills of Wales,
 Where beacons red in ancient times did blaze
 Against familiar skies in danger's hour,
 How sweet your grassy slopes my mind do cheer,
 When far from Malvern's height my footsteps stray
 In dingy cities' narrow noisy streets,
 Where oft the eye no beauty can discern.
 But to thy healthy winds and climbing paths,
 For my refreshment I will soon return,
 And from the highest peak the rolling scenes
 Of England's fairest county I will scan.

J. C. Button, Form 5A.

Spring.

March winds blowing through the tree tops,
 Through the tree tops and the houses,
 O'er the roofs and down the chimneys,
 Howling, roaring, whistling, screaming,
 Blowing plants down, blowing hats off:
 Clouds of dust sweep down the roadside.
 'Neath the tumult is a whisper
 "Spring is coming, Spring is coming."

B. Bushell, 2A.

A Scene from a Hill.

The day was hot and all was still and clear,
And as I sat upon a lofty hill,
I looked around and saw a sight to cheer.
Behind were woods with trees of ev'ry kind
And birds were twittring gaily in the trees;
The gentle breezes caught the cries of gulls
As they were circling round and hov'ring near.
Below was seen the ocean blue and calm,
And waves lapped on the golden stretch of sand;
Small ships were gliding on the ocean blue,
And where the waters met the azure sky
Large home-bound steamers were in silhouette.

Kathleen Nock, Form 5A.

Planting.

It's Winter in the garden,
And the wind is very shrill,
But I've planted purple crocus and the yellow daffodil;
Although the world is frozen,
Yet Spring is on the lea
For just below the window is a red anemone.

It's Spring-time in the garden,
And the sun is peering through,
And the bed beside the elm tree is gay with hyacinth blue,
Although the Summer's coming
And the Spring flowers will be dead,
I'm planting in the greenhouse so the sun shan't get ahead.

It's Summer in the garden,
And flowers of every hue
Are growing in the garden mixed with mint and purple rue,
Although the sun is blazing
And the swallow's on the wing,
I'm planting fragrant violets to grace the world in Spring.

It's Autumn in the garden,
And the weather's getting cold,
But I'm planting in the garden before the year is old;
I know the plants are dying,
But when Winter comes to men
He'll find I'm here before him for I'm planting bulbs again.

Molly Howells, Form 6B.

Nature's Harmony.

There is music everywhere,
 In the flowers, in the trees,
 In the humming of the bees,
 In the air.

In the blazing noon-day suns,
 In the wind and rain
 As they sweep across the plain
 Rhythm runs.

Running brook, babbling spring,
 And as evening 'gins to cool
 Buzzing gnats above the pool
 Music bring.

Silver birches on the hill,
 Lofty elms in forest dim,
 Willows by the river's brim
 Never still.

Bees that hum the whole day long,
 Gathering nectar from the flowers,
 Raindrops glistening in the showers,
 Sing their song.

So it goes throughout the year
 Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring,
 All of these have songs to sing
 For men to hear.

Barbara Farrow, 6A.

Summer.

Earth's poets all have sung the joys of Spring,
 With purple crocus, yellow daffodil
 And celandine beside each little rill
 And homing swallows mating on the wing;
 But lovelier when Summer comes, to fling
 Her cloak of flowers over dale and hill;
 When salmon leap beside the water mill,
 And humming bees surround the purple ling.
 Spring is the time when all the world is young,
 And happy, but with restless happiness;
 But Summer's days are soft, and warm, and long,
 And follow, one by one, in perfect bliss.
 It passes quickly with its drowsy song,
 Like life, for, drowsing, much of it we miss.

R. D. Williams, Form 6.

“Once upon a time there was a King.”

Magic words taking shape again,
 Out of dim childhood memories
 Conjuring visions of purple and gold—
 Heralds resplendent, proclaiming King’s business,
 Dangling great seals from documents royal,
 Chamberlains, marshals, ladies-in-waiting,
 The might and the splendour of majesty throned.

Our hearts are deep stirred again :
 See how the crowds mass and eagerly gather,
 Keenly awaiting a glimpse of their King :
 State-coach, slow-moving, drawn by grey horses,
 Processing the route, troop-lined and beflagged ;
 Diplomats, statesmen, peers and generals,
 The clamour and glamour of majesty crowned.
 O how the heart gladdens
 And pulses beat quickened
 By music of pipe and the roll of the drum,
 “ They are near, they are here,
 Raise your shout, raise your cheer,
 Let every heart and lung swell in mighty approbation.”

O sneering critics and reformers
 Lay aside, this day, your theories,
 Mingle with the crowd, good-humoured, great-hearted,
 Let your heart follow its impulse to praise.
 It was ever so; from farthest antiquity
 Men have bent the knee in loyalty to their King :
 “ Touch not the Lord’s anointed,” saith the Prophet,
 “ Divinity doth hedge a King,” said the Bard,
 “ God bless the King ” cry the people in anthems of praise.
 O critics, reformers away with your theories,
 Loyalty springs from the heart not the head,
 And a monarch shall sit on the throne of this isle
 As long as there Englishmen tread.

Barbara Farrow, Form 6.

Pirate's Gold.

When sailing down the golden coast,
An English ship did see
A daring pirate passing by,
So straightly put to sea.

They fought all night, they fought all day,
Till both the ships were battered,
The pirate's sails were blown to shreds,
The English decks bespattered.

And when at last the fight was o'er,
The English ship had won,
A little lad swam to our ship
And he was taken on.

"There's gold aboard the pirate ship,"
He shouted to the mate,
"There's things you've never seen before,
As well as golden plate."

And when the gold was taken on,
A gallant load had she,
The little lad said to the mate,
"I'll come and serve with thee."

F. Goode, Form 3A1.

A Summer's Night.

The sun sinks slowly o'er the hill
And all the world is quiet and still,
The twittering bird to its nest doth fly
And cloudlets cluster o'er the sky;
The owl from out its lofty nest
Comes peering o'er the world at rest,
And greets it with a screeching note
Which through the evening breeze doth float.

The nodding primrose by the brook,
And violets in their shady nook
Are wet with sparkling evening dew;
And all the doves do bill and coo,
The cattle in the meadow sleep,
While darkness o'er the land doth creep.

Barbara Rose, Form 5A2.

The Seasons.

When o'er the hills I lightly trip
I love to see the lambkins skip,
 On the banks,
 In their ranks,
It is not often that they slip.

When down the country lanes I stray,
I love to see the flowers sway
 In the breeze
 Beneath the trees,
All on a lovely summer day.

The oak tree, beech tree and the lime,
All drop their leaves in Autumn time,
 Off the trees;
 They make a frieze
On the ground in Autumn time.

In Winter when the snow comes down,
And trees are in their coats of brown,
 Robin comes
 For his crumbs,
He likes the country or the town.

D. Wagg, Form 2B.

Summer.

When summer comes in colours gay,
With her flowers in bright array;
With joyful hearts we sing our praise
For summer's happy sunny days.

The world's a gleam with poppies red,
Making bright the path we tread;
With long warm nights and silvery moon,
When dawn will come so much too soon.

The summer soon will wane again,
Golden days will be changed to rain;
No more shall we by foam-flecked sea,
Dream of joys that used to be.

D. Lones, Form 2B.

An Orchard Raid.

Stealth'ly creeping to the orchard
Went the little band of raiders,
Fearful lest old Farmer Tomkins
Should be lurking somewhere near them.
Nearer crept they to the railings,
Nearer came their goal to tempt them.
Now at last they scramble over,
Heedless of torn coats and trousers,
Helter-skelter, racing madly
To the juicy apples dangling,
Red and rosy, most inviting.
Pockets now were nearly bulging
When a sudden shout of warning.
Filled them all with fear and trembling.
"Farmer Tomkins on the war path!"
Down they slithered, scrambled, tumbled,
With old Tomkins raving, shouting.
Not a glance they gave behind them
Till they reached the orchard railings,
Clearing these the little raiders
Left all danger far behind them.

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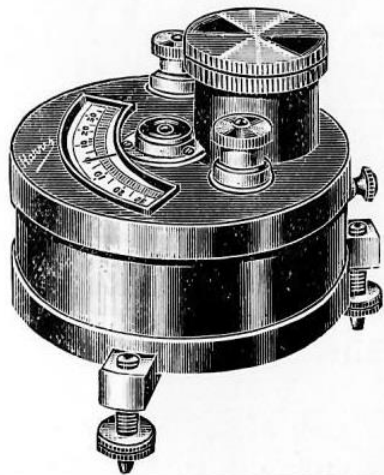
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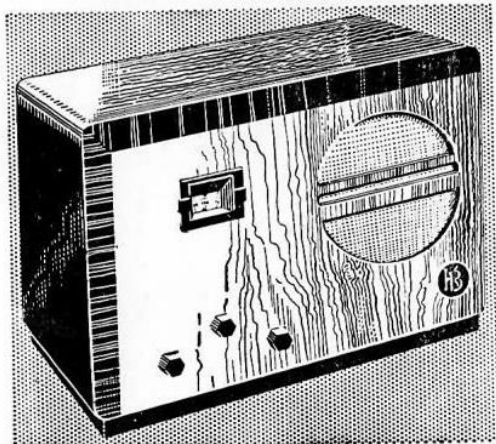


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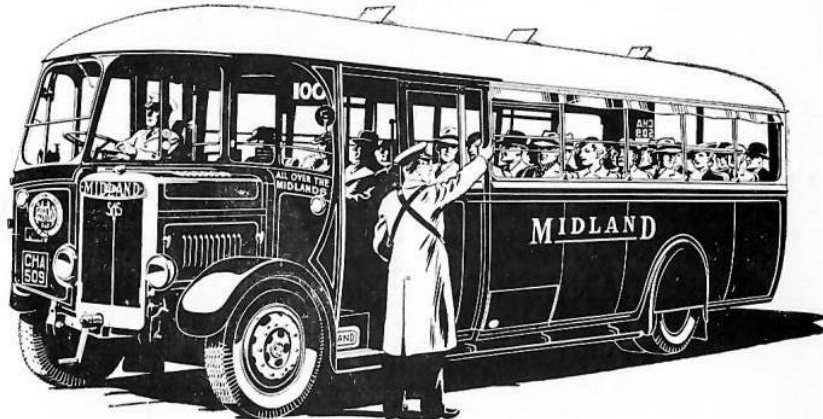
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EDITORIAL.

A GREAT deal has happened to the School since the last number of this magazine went to press.

The numbers in the School have gone up with a bound, there being 108 newcomers last September, and consequently four Forms at the bottom of the School. The establishment of the one hundred per cent. Special Place system gives prospect of a steady increase in our numbers for several years in the future. The necessary alterations and extensions of the School buildings are already planned.

In July, Miss A. Massey, B.A., retired from her work in the School. Miss Massey had been teaching pupils of the School since 1906, and her work, both as Senior Assistant Mistress and as History Mistress, was outstanding. Miss Massey's was one of the earliest appointments on the Staff of the School, many years before the present new buildings were erected. She served five different Headmasters, and none knew the history and progress of the

School better than did Miss Massey. Her excellent teaching of History in particular contributed to the education and examination success of the majority of the boys and girls, totalling 1,956 in all, who were pupils of the School while she held office. Miss Massey had a thorough knowledge of the girls, and she will always be remembered for her practical interest in their welfare. The occasion of her retirement was marked by the presentation of cheques from the Governors, the Staff, the Cresconians and the present pupils of the School, with the object of helping Miss Massey to realise one of her ambitions of her retirement, a trip to Constantinople. There were also a china tea service from the Staff, a folding tea table from the pupils, two books on Constantinople from the Prefects, and cut glass from the Guides. Miss Massey left with the best wishes of the whole School, past and present, for happiness in her retirement.

We extend a hearty welcome to three newly-appointed members of our increased Staff. Miss E. M. Lewis, M.A., of the University of Leeds, comes to us with a reputation as a splendid teacher of History. Even in her college days she was winner of the Elizabeth Cadbury Prize for Education, and carried out research work in History which brought her distinction. Miss C. Parry, B.A., of the University of Wales, also comes to us with a splendid record as an experienced teacher of History, and, in addition, is taking an active part in several other School activities. Mr. A. M. Congdon, recently appointed as master for Physical Training, is also a teacher of considerable experience, and holds Diplomas in Physical Education and School Hygiene of the Carnegie Physical Training College. We hope that all the newly-appointed members of the Staff will have many years of happy and successful work with us.

The retirement of Miss Massey necessitated the appointment of a new Senior Assistant Mistress, and Mrs. L. G. Quayle, now holding that office, has already proved herself capable of filling it with both a sympathetic personality and efficiency.

During last Autumn Term the new Gymnasium was officially opened by Mrs. Douglas Little (Miss Dorothy Round), twice winner of the title of World Women's Singles Lawn Tennis Champion. We were delighted to welcome such a prominent figure of the world of sport for the occasion, and to hear her delightful speech on the merits of healthy exercise. Full details of this official opening are given elsewhere in these pages.

The many activities of the School have maintained their traditional high standard, the Joint Societies with their many interests, the Musical Society with nearly two-thirds of the pupils of the School taking part in its last Festival, the Dramatic Society with its excellent production of "The Brontës" by Alfred Sangster, the School Library, the Gymnasium Teams with their

public displays in March, the Guides who are preparing a programme for public performance this term, and the various sports teams whose performances are recorded in this issue. The School owes a great deal to the keen interest of those members of the Staff who foster these activities.

We wish to express the best thanks of the School to one of the Governors, Mr. A. C. Jephcott, for his generosity in presenting us with another House Cup. This is known as the Jephcott House Championship Cup for Athletics, and is to be awarded annually to the winning House on Sports Day. On the occasion of our last Sports Day we had the good fortune to have Mr. Jephcott with us to make the presentation, the first to win the new Cup being School House.

All interested in the School are delighted to see the playing field extension now drained and turfed, and to observe the new approaches to the Swimming Bath and the paved spaces near the Gymnasium for physical exercise in fine weather. The turf on all parts of the field should be in good condition for games by the Autumn of this year.

During last Autumn Term we had a Full Inspection by the Board of Education, no less than twelve in all of His Majesty's Inspectors visiting us. It was remarked that the School was very much alive, rapidly progressing, and also remarkably happy. The Headmaster gives credit for this to the loyal workers of the School who give it their unstinted service. We hope that in work and play that happy atmosphere of progress will be maintained. The loyal and conscientious work of every member of the School will ensure that. The School is definitely living up to its motto, "Cresco," and we hope that that will always be so.

Dates to Remember.

SUMMER TERM—

- April 20.—Term begins.
- May 12—19.—Coronation, Whitsuntide, Half-term holiday.
- June 3.—Athletic Sports.
- June 5.—Musical Festival.
- July 2.—Joint Board Examinations begin.
- July 29.—School closes.

AUTUMN TERM—

- Sept. 15.—Term begins.
- Oct. 19—22.—Full Inspection by the Board of Education.
- Nov. 1, 2.—Half-term holiday.
- Nov. 5.—Opening of New Gymnasium.
- Dec. 2—4.—"The Brontës" by School Dramatic Society.
- Dec. 21.—School closes for Christmas holiday.

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THE past two Terms have been very busy ones for King's House. The Summer Term, as usual, has provided a great amount of inter-House competition and the House has been well to the fore in all activities.

The first event of the Term was the Athletic Sports. Many members of the House entered and we gained third place, while R. Penney and D. Smart carried off the Senior and Junior Boys' Championship respectively.

The Annual Musical Festival was held in June and once again proved a great success. King's House was placed fourth, but the events were very keenly contested and several individuals obtained places.

The Girls' Swimming Sports were held at the end of the Term, King's were placed a good second. The boys, in their Swimming competition, retained the championship; Varley was senior champion and Poole remained junior champion.

We must congratulate M. Howells, D. Birks, and B. Granville-Barker on gaining their Bronze Medal awards for life saving.

Inter-House matches in Tennis and Rounders were played; we gained second place in the Tennis and fourth place in the Rounders.

King's were well represented in the 1st and 2nd Cricket XI's. and in the House matches, contested at the end of Term, the House was placed first. Varley gained well-earned Colours.

Lastly, to turn aside from the athletic side of school life, we offer our congratulations to D. Smith, K. Hunting, K. Judd, D. Smart and M. Craddock for their performances in the Dramatic Society's presentation of "The Brontës," at the end of the Autumn Term.

Mabel Craddock.

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THE Summer and Autumn Terms have seen Queen's House ably holding its own in competition with the other three Houses. In the Musical Festival, held early in the Summer Term, we were placed first, and M. Warr, M. Moore and Andrews were awarded the Hazlewood Music Medal.

Next came the Coronation Swimming Gala, at which some of our members helped in the winning of numerous trophies by the School.

In the Cricket 1st XI., Queen's was represented by Adams, Smith, G. Hopkins and Andrews, the last-named receiving his Colours. In the inter-House matches we were only able to record one victory, against Trinity, and we shared the third place with that House.

In Tennis and Rounders our girls excelled themselves. With B. Farrow, M. Warr, J. Jephcott, J. Woodward and E. Westwood

in the School Tennis team, there is little wonder that the House carried off the inter-House Tennis Championship. This feat was repeated in the Rounders tournament.

Queen's were runners-up in the Athletic Sports. In the individual championships, on the girls' side, M. Warr and E. Westwood tied for second place (senior), and O. Harper was junior champion. On the boys' side, Honeysett was runner-up (junior).

In the Swimming Sports, our girls obtained first place, but the boys landed at the other extremity of the table.

Last, but by no means least, we come to the School Play. Queen's had several members in the cast, E. Westwood, M. Moore, M. Warr, J. Button, Fox, Andrews and Honeysett. M. Harris was the prompter and A. James contributed a piano solo during one of the intervals.

To those who have left our ranks, we wish the best of health, happiness and success, and to those who have come to take their places we would say this: There is only one place for Queen's—
at the top. P. H. Andrews.

School House.

Captains	-	-	J. CRUMP, A. R. HOPKINS.
Vice-Captains	-	-	M. GOODE, F. J. HARRIS.
Sports Captains	-	-	D. HOLDEN, F. J. HARRIS.
Secretary	-	-	E. DOWNING.

DURING the last two Terms the members of School House have contested keenly with the other three Houses, in all the various activities, and they are to be congratulated for the credit which they have brought to our House.

The first notable event of the Summer Term was Sports Day, when School House had the honour of being the first holders of the new Sports Cup, though we have held first place for several years. We offer our congratulations to competitors of School House, and especially D. Holden, who gained Senior Championship, Cup and Medal.

Another event in which School House was well represented by past and present members was the Annual Musical Festival, when we obtained second place.

In the inter-House matches the boys gained first place in Cricket, and third place in Swimming. The girls were not so successful, coming fourth in Swimming, third in Tennis and second in Rounders.

The Coronation Swimming Gala was an inter-School event in which some of our members took part, I. Garner and Harris attaining prizes.

The most important event of the Autumn Term was the School Play, "The Brontës," in which we were represented by M. Goode, B. Hands and Harris, and School House offers its congratulations to these three members for their splendid performance.

The members of School House would like to take this opportunity of congratulating B. Collis, who has recently left us, on gaining a Bronze Medal and Certificate for swimming.

In conclusion we wish all those who have left us every success in their new walk in life, and we offer a hearty welcome to all new members, knowing that they will do their best to uphold the prestige of School House.

E. Downing.

Trinity House.

Captains - - J. TURNER, K. B. JONES.
Sports Captains - K. NOCK, K. B. JONES.
Secretary - - F. D. NASH.

DURING the two Terms, which these notes cover, Trinity House has enjoyed a moderate amount of success.

In the inter-House Cricket games Trinity tied for third place, being successful on only one occasion. Button was awarded his Cricket Colours, an achievement on which the House wishes to congratulate him.

At Tennis and at Rounders, by merit of some excellent play, we were successful in all but one game in each competition.

Although several of our members gained individual success, the House, as a whole, was not up to standard in the Athletic Sports.

The girls and boys of the House who entered for the Swimming Sports, obtained third and second places respectively. The House congratulates Srawley on having been awarded a Medal on the occasion of the Coronation Swimming Sports.

The House was, as usual, well represented in the cast of the School Play, and the House appreciates the manner in which the members maintained her tradition.

The House offers its good wishes to the members who have left and offers a welcome to the new members and hopes that, by now, they are settling down to the task of upholding the honour and prestige of Trinity House.

F. Nash.

The New Gymnasium.

NOVEMBER 5th, 1937, will long be remembered by the present scholars of the School as the day when Mrs. Douglas Little (Miss Dorothy Round), the famous tennis player, visited the School to open the new Gymnasium.

For weeks we had watched the progress of the building and at last the great day came when it was formally opened by Mrs. Little. We all gathered in the School Hall on the afternoon of Friday, November 5th, and after the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Little by D. Lones, visitors and pupils joined in the singing of the hymn "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven."

Mr. A. W. Priestley, Director of Education for Worcestershire, in his address, as chairman, recalled the opening of the School in 1926, and its progress since that date. He said that the opening of the Gymnasium came just at the time when the Government was organising a campaign for physical health and fitness throughout the country, and as "Miss Dorothy Round" had been selected as one of the committee for our district—a decision with which everyone agreed—we were very glad to have her at Oldbury County High School to open the new gymnasium.

Councillor W. Jackson, who built the Gymnasium, in presenting Mrs. Little with a silver key with which to open the building, expressed the hope that it would be known as the "Oldbury County High School Physical Culture Key," and that the pupils would be inspired to follow the example of sportsmanship set by Mrs. Little.

Everyone listened with great interest to Mrs. Little's delightful speech. After telling of her first efforts at public speaking, she went on to say that since she was at School, people had realised that one could not have an alert mind without physical fitness, and consequently gym. and games lessons had been encouraged and increased, and she hoped that with such splendid facilities, the pupils of the County High School would have gym. every day. Modern gym. lessons were not of the military type, but were intended to teach poise and gracefulness, and these, with the lessons learnt on the playing fields, of being a gracious loser and a good winner, would prove of more value on leaving school than a knowledge of French verbs. Judging by the applause, many scholars agreed with this point.

County Alderman W. T. Davies, Chairman of the Governors, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Douglas Little, and this was seconded by Dr. Howard.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Priestley was proposed by the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman B. T. Robbins, and seconded by County Councillor G. H. Price.

As a conclusion to this part of the ceremony, the School Song was sung, after which everyone left the hall and proceeded to the gymnasium, and the actual opening took place.

After the formal opening of the gymnasium by Mrs. Little, the gym., changing rooms and showers remained open for inspection. There were physical training displays by girls and boys in the gymnasium and in the hall, hockey and football matches on the playing fields, and a cinematograph film of physical training in the lecture room. Tea was served in the dining hall for visitors.

The new gymnasium is an addition to the school which we all appreciate, but the fact that we are able to associate with it the name of "Dorothy Round," the women's lawn tennis singles champion of the world, makes it all the more valuable, as it is an honour of which very few schools can boast.

J. Crump.

The Musical Festival, 1937.

THE Eighth Annual Musical Festival was held this year on June 5th. The Festival takes the form of a competition between the four Houses for the Musical Challenge Cup, presented by County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P.

During the previous week Mr. J. C. Gough, L.R.A.M., had adjudicated the vocal and pianoforte solos, while Mr. J. Detheridge, Licentiate College of Violinists had adjudicated the violin solos. The finals, however, were adjudicated by Mr. Alfred Prince, Mus.Bac. (Oxon.), F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.

Mr. Prince was very helpful both to the competitors, by his criticisms, and to the audience by his remarks on the music itself.

Every item was most keenly contested and the results were as follows:—

Junior Pianoforte Solo—"To a Wild Rose" (*Macdowell*)
1, D. Lones; 2, M. Franks; 3, Humphrey.

Junior Girls' Solo—Own Choice
1, I. Wallace; 2, M. Forest; 3, D. Lones; 4, M. Heayel.

Intermediate Pianoforte Solo—"Rigaudon" (*Grieg*)
1, J. Pool; 2, A. James; 3, P. Grosvenor; 4, B. Hands.

Violin Solo—"Valette" (*Ahn Carse*)
1, Fox; 2, Hopkins; 3, Wakeman; 4, Alger.

Vocal Duet—Own Choice
1, M. Moore and M. Warr; 2, E. Westwood and J. Jephcott;
3, B. Ryan and S. Bullen.

Boys' Solo—Own Choice
1, Pool; 2, Honeysett; 3, Male.

Senior Pianoforte Solo—"Arabesque No. 2," (*Debussy*)

1, Andrews; 2, M. Craddock and W. J. Cox; 3, T. M. Hancox.

Senior Girls' Solo—Own Choice

1, B. Ryan and E. Westwood; 3, M. Warr.

Old Students' Solo—Own Choice

1, Hazelwood; 2, T. Powell; 3, C. Atkins; 4, M. Dobbie.

House Choir—"Now on Land and Sea Descending" (Minuet from *Berenice*) (*Handel*)

1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's; 4, Trinity.

FINAL RESULTS.

1, Queen's, 4,658; 2, School, 2,370; 3, Trinity, 2,243; 4, King's, 2,060.

The Musical Challenge Cup was presented to the Captains of Queen's House by County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P. Mr. N. Hazelwood presented three medals for outstanding musical ability, and these were awarded to M. Moore, M. Warr and Andrews.

We all wish to thank Mr. T. L. Davies, the Music Master, for spending so much of his time in organising the Festival and in training the competitors. Maisie Harris.

The Joint Societies.

President - Dr. C. C. HOWARD, B.A., B.Sc.

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Chairman—BARBARA FARROW.

Vice-Chairman—D. SMITH.

Secretary—R. D. WILLIAMS.

Committee—

M. HOWELLS, P. ANDREWS, E. WESTWOOD, F. J. HARRIS, B. ROSE, G. CUMMING, J. WOODWARD, R. PENNEY, M. WARR, B. HARTLEY, E. READ, ADAMS.

THE only activity of the Societies this Term has been the Annual Outing, which this year was a day trip to Eton, Windsor and Marlow.

The start of the day was at 7-10 a.m. when three "Gliderway" coaches left School, en route for Windsor. We passed through Stratford, where many of our company were highly delighted to see some school children waiting for a 'bus to take them to school, through Woodstock, where we did not stop but slowed down to admire the lovely 18th century Blenheim Palace, and through Oxford, into some of whose beauties many of us had been initiated last year. From Oxford we went on to Maidenhead Thicket which we reached about 10-30, and here we had lunch. This was natur-

ally an enjoyable event, and when we had fortified ourselves for the long wait until tea, we proceeded on our way to Eton.

We soon arrived here, and were conducted round some parts of the famous School. This was founded in 1440 by Henry VI. and is the largest Public School in the country; originally there were seventy scholars who all received free education. At the present time there are about one thousand and two hundred, seventy of whom are on the foundation and receive their education free. The parts of the school which we saw were some of the oldest and most interesting.

The stone Chapel, with its perpendicular Gothic architecture, and its beautiful windows, claimed much of our attention; one fact which interested us all very much was that the wooden ceiling, which is nearly 500 years old and is still in good condition, was originally only intended as a temporary one.

In the Lower School we were shown one of the original classrooms, still in use, with its old uncomfortable desks, and its whipping-block—also still in use. It was explained to us how the latter is used, though without practical demonstration—to the disappointment of some and the relief of many. In the Upper School, built by Sir Christopher Wren, are busts of many old Etonians, including Gladstone and Fox and many more acquaintances of the history students. In here also, as well as on the staircase, is oak panelling, in which are carved the names of many old boys, two of which we noticed being those of Gladstone and Mr. Anthony Eden.

From Eton we went to Windsor, which is only just across the river. We were all thrilled immediately when we saw the historic castle on its wooded hill. We left the coaches at bottom of the hill, stopped to admire the beautiful memorial to the late King George V., and walked up to the Castle gate.

The first part of the Castle we were shown was St. George's Chapel. This also is in the perpendicular Gothic style, and here the royal vaults, the old stained glass windows and the fan tracery of the roof interested us all. The Horseshoe Cloisters were a great contrast to the Chapel, being of brick and timber in the style of the Elizabethan period. They also were very delightful, as was everything we saw connected with the Castle. We went and saw the Round Tower—the oldest part of the Castle—which we were told, and could see for ourselves, is not round at all. We did not go up the Tower because the day was not at all clear, though the view of nine counties may be obtained from it on a clear day.

The last part of the tour was a visit to the State Apartments, which are used by visiting Royalty for State occasions. Here there was certainly something to interest everyone—the armour and weapons on the Grand Staircase and in the Waterloo Chamber, the

marvellously inlaid cabinets and tables in King Charles' Dining Room, the embroidery and tapestries, the famous pictures by Van Dyck, Rubens, Holbein, and many other great masters, and innumerable other treasures.

From the Castle we went down to the river, where a special boat was waiting for us. We went up the river to Great Marlow. This part of the Thames is one of the best from the point of view of the scenery, which varies considerably—the famous Playing Fields of Eton, with their tall elms, the lovely country houses and bungalows with gardens sloping down to the river, the wooded hills—and finally, after a trip of four hours—an hour longer than arranged owing to several delays—we saw in the distance the church spires of Great Marlow. At the landing stage we were all very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Howarth waiting to meet us, and they came with us to tea at the George and Dragon Hotel. After tea we returned to the coaches.

During the journey back we saw the Memorial Theatre at Stratford floodlit—a very beautiful sight, which few, if any, of us had seen before. We eventually reached home at 11-30 p.m.—as usual, tired but very happy, and once again we have to thank Miss Jones, together with all the staff who helped to organise the trip, for an extremely enjoyable day, which was well up to the standard we have learnt to expect from the Joint Societies.

R. D. Williams.

The Art Students Visit London.

ON May 29th a party of Art Students, under the supervision of Mrs. Quayle and Miss Williams, left New Street Station for London to view the National and Tate Galleries and the exhibition of modern art at the Royal Academy. This year our visit took place later than usual because we were anxious to see the Coronation decorations which were on show a fortnight after the event had taken place.

Arriving at Euston at 11 a.m. we took the Underground to Leicester Square and so to the National Gallery. Here the students spent a most enjoyable morning, all being particularly fascinated by the pictures of the Dutch and Italian schools.

Leaving the National Gallery, we proceeded down Whitehall, past the Cenotaph to Bridge Street, where dinner was served by Lyons. This important item of our programme over, we set out for the Tate Gallery.

Before this, however, we had the opportunity of visiting Westminster Abbey—the background of this year's great event—

the Coronation. With its gold carpets and chairs upholstered in royal blue and initialled G.R. in gold, the Abbey was a wonderful spectacle. To those who witnessed the actual Coronation the scene must have been one which will never be forgotten. We were not allowed to stay in the Abbey because of the vast number of people who were waiting outside, so we left after a very short stay of ten minutes and made our way to the Tate Gallery.

This Gallery, which was opened in 1897 and which was the gift of Sir Henry Tate, proved very interesting to the students. Admirers of Turner were able to see a superb collection of his works, including oil paintings, water colours and flat wash sketches. Of the 18th Century painters, Gainsborough, Romney and Reynolds offered us some excellent pictures.

From here we made our way to Burlington House by way of Bird Cage Walk, the Green Park and St. James' Palace. All admired the wonderful figures of the guards, but no one envied them on such a hot day.

Here we saw a wonderful collection of modern pictures and wood carvings. One of the most interesting of the pictures on show was a portrait of our King George VI.

Those of us who know London very well, noticed something very extraordinary about her that day—not a single 'bus was in sight. Our visit this year had been made during the 'bus strike.

We had spent a very busy day, and consequently we were feeling rather tired so Mrs. Quayle kindly arranged for us to go "en taxi" to Euston where tea was awaiting us. During tea we had the great pleasure of seeing once more our former Headmaster, Mr. Howarth, and Mrs. Howarth. Their appearance was unexpected, and consequently was a most pleasant surprise for all of us.

After greetings had been exchanged, we boarded the train for Birmingham, all carrying a plentiful supply of magazines and chocolates. At 9 p.m. we arrived at New Street, tired, but all having spent a most enjoyable day.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Quayle, whose excellent organisation made our 1937 visit to London one which we shall long remember.

M. Brown.

Holidays Abroad.

ON August 9th a happy band of twenty-three scholars, and Miss Jones, Miss Foster, Miss Allen and Miss Siviter, left Birmingham on the first stage of a seven hundred mile journey.

Little need be said of the night passed enjoyably enough in London, the easy passage through the Customs, the smooth crossing to Ostend or of the trans-continental dash through Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Germany and finally into Switzerland.

Eventually all safe and sound, we crossed the border at Basle and there, at half-past five in the morning, we had our first experience of a Continental breakfast in the modernistic Station Restaurant. Then came the last lap, the forty mile journey to Lucerne, which was to be our headquarters for five days.

On arrival at the Lucerne we soon made friends with our host, a jovial German-Swiss, and were introduced to the mysteries of his country's currency.

Lucerne is a very picturesque town, standing at the head of one of the four arms of the lake which bears its name. Owing to its position, travel from the town is usually carried out by utilisation of the services of steamers, which cross the lake calling at each of the tiny hamlets on its shores. Lucerne itself could easily form the subject of an essay, such are its manifold charms and attractions; the old buildings with their quaint paintings, the old town, with the wooden bridges with their painted ceilings, the water-towers, the market places, arcades and narrow streets, and the modern town with its lovely boulevards, its fine buildings and its fountains.

The time spent at Lucerne was occupied in the fullest possible manner. A visit was paid to the memorial chapel to Queen Astrid, on, incidentally, the hottest day of the holiday.

We ascended two mountains during our stay at Lucerne, Mount Rigi, 5,900 feet high, and Mount Pilatus, 7,000 feet high. There was an outstanding contrast between the two excursions. In the first case, it was the oldest mountain railway in the world that took us up to the Rigi-Kulm, which was bathed in sunshine and in the second case, a marvellously constructed electric railway took us up to the top of Pilatus, which was encircled by clouds and where we trod, for the first time in summer, on snow.

William Tell, the famed Swiss, had many connections with Lucerne, and a visit was accordingly paid to see his chapel and monument. This was a whole day's excursion, sailing from Lucerne to Fluellen, at the other end of the lake, calling at the various hamlets on the lake, and it was a delightful experience to see the changing aspect of the country as we approached Fluellen and came within sight of the real snow-topped Alps.

Our stay at Lucerne came to an end, and on Monday, the sixteenth of August, we entrained for Wilderswil, a little village in the Bernese Oberland, where the latter half of our holidays was to be spent. Here, we were at the foot of the snow-capped Eiger Mönch and Jungfrau—and glorious mountains they are. Nearby was the town of Interlaken where we passed some enjoyable hours.

What was to the majority of the party the tit-bit of the whole holiday, was the crossing of the Grindelwald glacier. The party was divided into three, roped together, and then led by the guides,

we crossed the solid ice. We were thrilled, and it was an experience we shall never forget.

Another notable excursion from Wilderswil was to the Trummelbach Falls, a seemingly never ending torrent of water, thundering down, through the gorge that it had cut for itself in the solid rock. Murren, the famous winter sports centre, was visited on the same day as the waterfall. The walk from Grutsch Alp to Murren—with the Jungfrau seeming so close to us—and each bend of the road bringing into view fresh snow-capped peaks is, and always will be, a most pleasing memory. Another interesting day was spent in a circular trip up to Wengen, and the Eiger Glacier, down the other side of the mountain to Grindelwald.

Much as everyone regretted it, we had to realise that our holiday was at an end, and before we realised it, the trans-continental journey had begun. Ere long, we had embarked at Ostend, and again favoured by a fair crossing, we soon saw Folkestone harbour before us. Six hours' after landing, the party was passed out of the hands of Miss Jones, in whose care we had been for a fortnight, into those of our parents awaiting our return at Snow Hill. Thus ended what had been a very, very happy holiday, thanks to the care, foresight, and excellent organisation of our leader, guardian and friend, Miss Jones.

We wish to express our very sincere appreciation and thanks to Miss Jones, Miss Allen, Miss Foster and Miss Siviter, and to assure them that we shall always have very happy memories of our first holiday abroad.

F. Nash.

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I, too, was fortunate enough to tour Switzerland, though as one of a party of four, and not with the School party.

London—Paris—Basle, and now we were really at the start of our wanderings through this little land of great contrasts. By rail, by boat, by postal-motor, and not the least pleasurable, by foot, we roamed from near the German frontier, to the Italian, and back again to that of France.

From Lake Lucerne we rose to the bleak military post of Andermatt, and so on over the St. Gotthard Pass, whose barren awesomeness was accentuated by the reverberating echoes of the artillery of the Swiss Alpine Regiment at practice.

We left these chilly heights to descend to Lugano. Its glorious sunshine, its exotic colours, its steep narrow streets and sub-tropical vegetation, made us feel as if we had left Switzerland far behind us. The narrow lake-side paths led us over the frontier into Italy, where the Italian guards most courteously posed for photographs, at the same time asking rather pertinent questions as to our financial status.

Returning via the St. Gotthard Tunnel, 11 miles long and taking 23 minutes to negotiate, we reached Zermatt. This village, where one is at last free from the motorist, and whose only street, at night, forms a promenade for everyone, is a mountaineer's paradise, with the towering Matterhorn presiding over all.

Then down to the lakelands again, Interlaken, whence we visited Grindelwald, and on to Montreux, with its historic castle of Chillon. A glorious sail on the lake brought us to the home of the League of Nations, where, much to our surprise, the chief enthusiasts seemed to be the Americans, who do not belong to the League. Here, in view of snow-capped Mont Blanc, we crossed and re-crossed the Rhone, which we had last seen in its turbulent infancy, as we came down from the glacier at Gletsch to Brigue.

After a few hours in the quiet arcaded capital of Berne, we completed our tour of Switzerland in an old-fashioned, but picturesque, "Gasthaus" in Basle.

Once again we tasted of the joys of the City of the Boulevards, and so back to England. P. H. Andrews.

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THE 1st Oldbury County High School Girl Guides commenced their holiday in Switzerland on August 14th, 1937.

As a member of the School party has already described Lucerne itself, it only remains for me to tell you of our most important outing, which was an all-day trip to the Rhône Glacier.

On Wednesday, 18th August, the charabanc arrived outside the Hotel Rossli at 7-30 a.m. (Rising at 6-30 a.m. was the only item we did not enjoy.)

Accompanying us on our outing was a guide, Rudolph Weidler (George for short), who described to us all the most important scenes on our way to the glacier.

It was pouring with rain when we started, and so most of us settled down to regain some of our lost sleep, only to be awakened by George when we arrived at Queen Astrid's Memorial. We stopped here for about five minutes, I saw the tree into which King Leopold's car skidded and the cross which was erected to Queen Astrid's memory. On the opposite side of the road was a tiny chapel which had been erected shortly after her death.

Passing along the famous Axenstrasse, by the side of Lake Lucerne, we came to Flüelen, where we saw many beautiful St. Bernard dogs. Flüelen is a small, sleepy village directly opposite Lucerne at the other end of the lake.

Later on we came to Altdorf, where the famous statue of William Tell stands. We stopped here for about fifteen minutes, where we ransacked the village and were heartily greeted by some American Scouts, who were as pleased as we to be able to converse in the same language.

A few miles further on we stopped for coffee at Erstfeld. There we began the most perilous part of our ascent to the glacier. During the climb we were able to trace the passage of a train along the Gotthard railway with its many spiral tunnels and viaducts.

A very impressive scene was the fall of the River Reuss down the mountain side at Devil's Bridge in the Schöllén Gorge.

Passing along the rugged mountain roads in which there were many terrifying hair-pin bends, we at last reached the Hotel Furkablick. At this point we had reached the height of 7,990 feet.

After a very satisfactory lunch, during which the Tyrolean musicians played all our old-time war songs, we climbed to a patch of snow, where we had the thrilling experience of playing snowballs in the heat of the blazing sun.

It was soon time to go back to the coach to travel but a few miles in order to reach the main object of our journey, the Rhône Glacier. When we first sighted the Rhône Glacier, the sparkling mass of ice amid tall snow-capped peaks, it was about 2-30 p.m.

Reaching the glacier itself, we walked without hats or coats through the enormous ice grotto. This grotto actually runs about a quarter of the way through the glacier.

Very reluctantly we returned to the coach and started on our long homeward journey, feeling tremendously happy to have seen such a wonderful sight as the Rhône Glacier.

J. Button.

Annual Sports.

MOST of the events at the 1937 Sports were contested in heavy rain, a fact which precluded the possibility of making any new records.

The Houses were more evenly balanced than has been the case for several years, yet even so School House won the Championship with a clear lead of 20 points over Queen's, their nearest rivals.

Although there were no outstanding individual performances the general level of performance was very high, and the rivalry for the individual Championship was particularly keen. In the case of the Senior boys the issue was in doubt until the very last race, which Penney won to become Champion by the narrow margin of 3 points.

Once again the Steeplechase was a great success, attracting 57 runners in all. The course was slightly longer than that used in previous years, and Hartley's time of 10 min. 47 secs. will stand comparison with Blundell's record time of 10 min. 0 sec. for the old course.

Results:—

		1	2	3	Time Height, Distance.
BOYS.					
100 Yards—					
Senior	Penney	Adams	Jones ... ..	...	11 1/5 secs.
Junior	Smart... ..	Honeysett	Hackett ... ..	...	12 secs.
Boys under 13...	Kimberly	Herbert	Grosvenor ... ..	...	30 4/5 secs.
Boys under 12..	Hale	Wheldon	MacL.ool ... ..	...	13 3/5 secs.
Boys under 14...	Adams	Baker	Foster ... ..	...	13 1/5 secs.
220 Yards					
Senior	E. E. Hopkins	Penney	Adams ... ..	...	26 3/5 secs.
Junior	Smart	Honeysett	Kelly ... ..	...	28 2/5 secs.
440 Yards—					
Senior	Penney	A. R. Hopkins	Hadley ... ..	...	1 min. 3 secs.
Junior	Smart	Craddock	Morgan ... ..	...	1 min. 13 1/5 secs.
Half Mile—					
Senior	Hartley	E. E. Hopkins	Hadley ... ..	...	2 min. 25 2/5 secs.
Junior	Smart	Honeysett	Morgan ... ..	...	2 min. 44 secs.
1 Mile	Hadley	Hartley	Penney ... ..	...	5 min. 27 4/5 secs.
Steeplechase—					
Senior	Hartley	Penney	Hadley ... ..	...	10 mins. 47 secs.
Junior	Honeysett	Kelly	Rowley ... ..	...
Cricket Ball	G. Hopkins	Howse	E. Hopkins	...	77yds. 5ins.
High Jump—					
Senior	Adams	A. R. Hopkins	R. Jones ... ..	...	4ft. 7ins.
Junior	Morgan	Craddock	Honeysett ... ..	...	3ft. 11 1/4 ins.
Long Jump—					
Senior	A. R. Hopkins	E. E. Hopkins	Adams ... ..	...	16ft. 4 1/2 ins.
Junior	Smart	A. Jones	Hackett ... ..	...
Relay—					
Senior	School	King's	Queen's ... ..	...	1 min. 56 4/5 secs.
Junior	King's	Trinity	Queen's ... ..	...	1 min. 39 secs.
Tug-of-War	Trinity	King's	School ... ..	...
Cricket Ball—					
Junior	Ross	Morgan	Rowley ... ..	...	63yds. 1ft. 2ins.
GIRLS.					
100 Yards—					
Senior	D. Holden	E. Westwood	M Warr ... ..	...	12 4/5 secs.
Junior	E. Baker	O. Harper	J. Garner ... ..	...	12 3/5 secs.
Under 12	M. de Courcy	D. Lones	S. Southall ... ..	...	15 secs.
High Jump—					
Senior	M. Warr, D. Holden		J. Woodward	...	4ft. 1in.
Junior	O. Harper	N. Lamb	S. Bullen ... ..	...	3ft. 11in.
Long Jump—					
Senior	E. Westwood	M. Warr	D. Holden ... ..	...	14ft.
Junior	O. Harper	J. Poole	J. Wichells	...	11ft. 10 1/2 ins.
High Jump—					
Under 12	S. Smith	B. Stubbs	D. Lones ... ..	...
Relay	Queen's	School	King's ... ..	...	1 min. 5secs.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Boys.

Senior.			Junior.		
Penney	...	17 points.	Smart	...	15 points.
Hartley	...	13 "	Honeysett	...	10 "
E. E. Hopkins	...	12 "	Morgan	...	8 "
A. R. Hopkins	...	11 "			
Adams	...	10 "			
Hadley	...	8 "			

GIRLS.

Senior.			Junior.		
D. Holden	...	10 points.	O. Harper	...	8 points.
E. Westwood	...	8 "			
M. Warr	...	8 "			

HOUSES.

School	...	88½ points.
Queen's	...	68 "
King's	...	55 "
Trinity	...	40½ "

Cricket.

1st XI. Captain—F. J. HARRIS. Vice-Captain—D. VARLEY.
 2nd XI. Captain—D. HOWSE. Vice-Captain—G. HOPKINS.

Secretary—P. H. ANDREWS.

Committee—HARRIS, VARLEY, ANDREWS, BUTTON, C. SMITH,
 HOWSE, G. HOPKINS.

IN proportion to the number of games played, the 1937 season has proved the most successful, barring, perhaps, that of 1934, since the members of the first eleven entered the School back in the dim days of 1931 or thereabouts.

Out of the 13 fixtures, 2 were cancelled, 6 won, 2 lost and 3 drawn.

Three batsmen, Harris (who proved himself a capable captain throughout), Button and Andrews topped 150 runs during the season; and Button and Rowley took 20 or more wickets each.

Colours were awarded to Varley, Button and Andrews.

Special mention must be made of the following:—Varley, for brilliant wicket-keeping and soundness as an opening batsman, Button and Harris, for all round excellence, and Rowley, who secured 20 wickets in only six matches.

By far the most enjoyable match was that against the Parents' team. Harris (31), Varley (31) and Andrews (45), paved the way to a good School total, and although with 66 for four at one point in the game, the Parents looked like making it a close finish, the School were successful by 45 runs.

The side was, with two lapses, an exceptionally strong batting side; five big stands were made, as follows: Harris and Smith, 49 for the third wicket; Button and Varley, 53 in an opening stand; Button and Andrews, 66 in an opening stand; Harris and Button, 60 for the second wicket; and Harris and Andrews, 57 for the second wicket.

The second eleven had a quite successful season, playing 7 matches, of which 5 were won and 2 lost. When there were any vacancies in the first eleven the second eleven could always be relied on to provide capable players to fill them; this is the real function of the second eleven, to bring boys up to first team standard.

Results of 1st XI. matches are as follows:—

Opponents	Venue	Result	Scores	
			For	Against
Kidderminster	... A. ...	Drawn	76 (5)	35 (8)
Wolverhampton	... A.	Cancelled.		
King's Norton	... H. ...	Won	122 (5)	45
Holly Lodge ...	... A. ...	Lost	55	59 (7)
Holly Lodge ...	... H.	Cancelled.		
Dudley ...	... A. ...	Drawn	114	88 (4)
Redditch ...	... A. ...	Won	131 (6)	60
Cresconians ...	... H. ...	Won	130	100
Wolverhampton	... H. ...	Won	89 (5)	76
Kidderminster	... H. ...	Won	124 (5)	60
Halesowen ...	... A. ...	Drawn	151 (5)	96 (8)
Cresconians ...	... H. ...	Lost	38	48 (9)
Parents ...	... H. ...	Won	138 (7)	93

Notable averages for the season were:—

BATTING.

	Runs	Innings	Highest score	Times not out	Average
Harris ...	212	11	50*	1	21.2
Button ...	176	11	55*	2	19.5
Andrews ...	163	11	45	1	16.3
Varley ...	123	9	35	—	13.6
C. Smith ...	144	11	40	—	13.1
Hadley ...	100	11	28*	1	10.0

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.	Best Performance
Rowley ...	36	5	86	20	4.3	5 for 13
Button ...	89	32	176	28	6.3	8 for 28

The following represented the School at Cricket:—

1st XI.: Harris, Varley, Button, Andrews, C. Smith, Hadley, A. R. Hopkins, E. E. Hopkins, Cox, Adams, Rowley, Hartley, G. Hopkins, Penney.

2nd XI.: Howse, G. Hopkins, E. E. Hopkins, Adams, Rowley, Craddock, K. Jones, R. Jones, Taylor, A. E. Jones, Alger, Nash, Penney, Sidaway, Harper, Goatman, Hartley.

P. H. Andrews.

Tennis.

Captain—B. FARROW.

Team—B. FARROW, E. WESTWOOD, J. JEPHCOTT,
M. CRADDOCK, J. WOODWARD, M. WARR.

ON the whole, the Tennis season was fairly enjoyable in spite of the wet weather which prevailed during most of the Term. Several matches had to be cancelled or either abandoned, and so four matches only were played. Although these matches were lost, the whole team did their best, and good games were played both at home and away.

Opponent.	Home or Away.	Result.
Halesowen ...	Away ...	Lost
Dudley ...	Away ...	Lost
Wolverhampton ...	Home ...	Lost
Halesowen ...	Home ...	Lost

M. Craddock.

Rounders.

DURING the Summer Term the girls of the School started their first season of Rounders. It is an enjoyable and at the same time a skilful game.

At the end of the term there were House matches, and though very inexperienced all four House teams played hard and well and the final result was:—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity; 4, King's.

The usual end of term excitement was predominant, but above all this came the rumour of a match to be played against the staff. Of course no one actually believed this but many had a hope and a great desire that this might be so.

Next day, at the end of the Guides v. School Tennis matches, Miss Tweedie announced, to our great delight, that the following girls were chosen to represent the Pupils against the Staff in a Rounders match:—Jean Button, Barbara Farrow, Iris Hall, Olive Harper, Dulcie Parkes, Hilma Southall, Mary Warr and Jean Woodward.

The girls went on to the field to meet their opponents only to find the whole School assembled to watch this contest. The main interest was to know who was going to play for the Staff, and when the team came out (at least marched out in military style, some of the gentlemen in strange attire) it consisted of Miss Allen, Miss Jones, Messrs. Davies, Hawley, Hopkins, Johnstone, Knight-Coutts, Newton-Hearn, Pearson and Richards.

Although the girls were more graceful and showed better style than the Staff they unfortunately were not the victors. The Staff played well, and we must give them their due, they won, but by a very small margin.

The afternoon of the same day the Girls played the second match against the Staff and a match against the 1st XI. Cricket Team.

In the second match against the Staff the Girls lost heavily (the Staff must have practised all lunch hour). However, they were in excellent form and had the girls out in a short time.

Before describing the match against the Boys I should like, on behalf of the Girls' team, to thank the members of the Staff team who were such sports in those two matches and to offer our sincere sympathy to all those who were stiff next day.

The next match was against the Boys. They came out looking very calm and collected and dressed in cricket flannels, but they soon found out that the Girls were not so weak as they had hitherto imagined. A hard struggle ensued, in which the Boys were victorious, their skill at cricket enabling them to send the ball far and wide.

On the last morning of term the Staff played the Boys to punish them for defeating the Girls. This match was exceedingly interesting to watch and great was the rejoicing when the Boys were triumphant. The Staff did not look quite so elated as they had done on the previous day, but this did not last and by the time the School was closed for the holidays all were in very high spirits.

Iris L. Hall.

Swimming Sports.

AT the beginning of the Summer Term in May, a number of boys and girls represented the School at the Coronation Swimming Gala which was held at the new Swimming Baths in Vicarage Road.

These representatives swam exceedingly well and many cups and medals were obtained.

The results were as follows:—

Coronation Cup for Junior Ladies—I. Garner.

Coronation Cup for Boys—Poole.

Coronation Cup for Ladies—Olive Harper.

Girls' Inter-School Team Race (Medals)—O. Harper, I. Garner, N. Lamb.

Boys' Inter-School Team Race (Medals)—Poole, A. Foster, Alger.

Ladies Egg and Spoon Race—1st prize, O. Harper; 2nd prize, M. Warr.

Men's Dress Race—1st prize, Harris; 2nd prize, Harper.

The Girls' and the Boys Swimming Sports were both held at the end of the Summer Term in the Vicarage Road Swimming Bath. There was very keen competition between the four Houses and on each occasion there was some very good swimming.

The events and results were as follows:—

BOYS.

2 Lengths (under 15)—1, Poole (K.); 2, A. Foster (T.); 3, Carr (S.). 39 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

2 Lengths (Senior) — 1, Varley (K.); 2, Harris (S.); 3, Hunting (K.) 34 secs.

1 Width (Beginners)—1, Irons (T.); 2, E. Foster (Q.); 3, Male (S.). 9 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

1 Length (Back Stroke)—1, Poole (K.); 2, A. Foster (T.); 3, Carr (S.). 23 secs.

6 Lengths—1, Varley (K.); 2, Day (K.); 3, Morgan (S.). 2 min. 31 secs.

Dive—1, K. Jones (T.); 2, Harper (T.); 3, Alger (K.).

1 Length (Beginners)—1, E. Foster (Q.); 2, Male (S.); 3, Pleasance (K.). 27 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

2 Lengths (Breast Stroke)—1, Srawley (T.); 2, Alger (K.); 3, Jones (T.).

House Relay—1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, School; 4, Queen's.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP—1, King's (39 points); 2, Trinity (29 points); 3, School (15 points); 4, Queen's (6 points).

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Senior)—1, Varley (10 points); 2, K. Jones, Alger, Srawley (5 points).

Junior—1, Poole (10 points); 2, A. Foster (6 points).

GIRLS' SWIMMING GALA.

Event 1.—1 Length (13 and under)—1, I. Garner (S), P. Curtis (T.); 2, B. Simpson (Q.).

1 Length (14 and over)—1, M. Warr (Q.); 2, B. Collis (S.); 3, O. Harper (Q.).

Event 2.—Diving (13 and under)—1, I. Garner (S.); 2, N. Lamb (T.); 3, P. Curtis (T.).

Diving (14 and under)—1, M. Howells (K.); 2, O. Harper (Q.); 3, V. Leek (T.).

Event 3.—Team Race—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity.

Event 4.—Egg and Spoon Race—1, M. Warr (Q.); 2, O. Harper (Q.); 3, M. Hancox (Q.).

Event 5, Duck Diving—D. Birks (K.) O. Harper (Q.), M. Hancox (Q.), F. Garner (S.), 2 points; M. Howells (K.), B. Barker (K.), I. Button (Q.), J. Jephcott (Q.), B. Collis (S.), V. Leek (T.), 1 point.

Event 6.—Life Saving—1, M. Warr (Q.); 2, J. Button (Q.); 3, M. Hancox (Q.).

Event 7.—Blindfold Race—1, B. Barker (K.); 2, M. Hancox (Q.); 3, J. Button (Q.).

Event 8.— $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile—B. Barker (K.), J. Jephcott (Q.), M. Hancox (Q.), 5 points.

Event 9.— $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile D. Birks (K.), O. Harper (Q.), B. Collis (S.), M. Howells (K.), B. Farrow (Q.), V. Leek (T.), J. Button (Q.), P. Curtis (T.), all 10 points.

FINAL RESULT.—1, Queen's, 91 points; 2, King's, 38 points; 3, Trinity, 35 points; 4, School, 30 points.

Theatre Parties.

WE started the Summer Term very enjoyably by a visit to the Royal Theatre, Birmingham, to see "Murder in the Cathedral," by T. S. Eliot. For most of us this was a unique experience in theatre-going, the play being so different from the usual type and we all liked it very much indeed. The verse speaking of the individual actors and the chorus of women was excellent and the play as a whole made us think—and also made us want to see it again.

On Friday, 21st May, the Sixth Form saw "Tom Thumb the Great," by Fielding, at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, and thoroughly enjoyed this amusing burlesque.

Also during the Summer Term, several parties were taken to Stratford-on-Avon to the Memorial Theatre. In each case the parties were conveyed by the "Gliderway" coaches; after the performance the parties had tea at the Shakespeare Gallery Café, and then spent an hour or so in looking round Stratford or on the river.

The performances themselves were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Forms IVA. and VB. went to see "As You Like It," and Forms VA. and VI. saw "The Winter's Tale." The scenery and costumes in both these plays seemed new, and were delightfully colourful and pleasing. Two smaller parties from the Sixth Form were taken to see Komisarjevsky's production of "King Lear," and Ben Jonson's play, "Every Man in His Humour." Komisarjevsky's use of steps and of the cyclorama with sun, dawn and cloud effects, and his management of the storm and the battle were very effective, and Ronald Ayrton's portrayal of King Lear was a remarkable performance. "Every Man in His Humour" was produced because 1937 was the tercentenary of Ben Jonson's death, and this play, with its well-marked types of character, proved itself still able to amuse and please an audience.

In the Autumn Term the Senior School went to the Repertory Theatre, Birmingham, to see Oliver Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer," which had additional interest for us as it was performed by the School a few years ago. The beautiful costumes, pleasing scenery, well portrayed characters, intriguing and amusing situations combined to give us a very enjoyable evening.

We also may include here another visit—not to the theatre, but to the Central Hall, Birmingham, on November 10th, when about a hundred Seniors had the pleasure of hearing a lecture by Grey Owl. After an interesting address by Lovat Dickson, the publisher of Grey Owl's books, Grey Owl himself appeared, a

very striking figure in his native costume, and it was delightful to hear him speak, with his pleasing intonation, of his work among the beavers. One felt he was a truly charming personality. After the lecture we saw a film, 'Chapter and Verse,' which dealt with the production of books from the earliest to modern times. We then went into the Exhibition Hall where on numerous stalls were displayed all the latest books. We all wished we had money to spend, but we contented ourselves with making lists of books we should like to possess or which we should like to see in the School Library (may our wishes soon be granted). There were, too, some interesting exhibitions of valuable books and particularly interesting were the letters and books connected with Lawrence of Arabia.

We all wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Miss Jones for arranging these parties, which we all so thoroughly enjoy and which we always remember with such great pleasure.

Maisie Harris.

The Brontës.

WE were introduced to the Brontë family in the Parsonage at Haworth—a remote bleak place where all the life came from the eager vivid imagination of the children. The Rev. Patrick Brontë ruled his household as an autocrat, without real understanding of its members. As each scene opened with Family Prayers we felt that Mr. Brontë had chosen the passages of Scripture as a warning to his daughters and errant son.

As Mr. Brontë, Andrews was in every scene impressive and forceful, especially in his displeasure. Evelyn Westwood as the rather dogmatic Charlotte, understood and revealed her vivid personality and in spite of the passage of 20 years in the course of scenes of the play she showed clearly the gradual maturing of Charlotte, the enthusiastic girl in Charlotte Brontë, the famous novelist.

Emily, the second sister, had genius—a rare genius which, in her short and restricted life, was only to flower in "Wuthering Heights" and her poems. Margaret Moore must have taken infinite trouble to understand the depths of Emily's nature to give so true and touching an interpretation of her complete character, her heroic resistance and love of her native moors.

As the gentle Anne, the youngest sister, Mary Goode was perfectly natural and charming. Branwell Brontë still remains one

of the interesting puzzles of English literature. Might he have been the greatest of them all? Certainly Emily loved him and believed in him. How charming a play-fellow he must have been in their childhood! What vigour and inventiveness he must have brought to their games, for in spite of the gloomy Parsonage their childhood must have been happy and their delights original. In the rôle of the brother of whom we had heard so much—both good and bad—before his appearance, Fox was delightfully gay and careless.

Of Miss Branwell we knew little more than the fact that she came to the Parsonage to look after the children of her dead sister. In *Mary Warr* we saw the Miss Branwell we had always imagined with her strong sense of duty and her hatred of the cold bleak north. This remarkable household would not have been complete without Tabitha, an old and devoted servant, so outspoken and so shrewd, sometimes scolding her children yet always defending them against anybody else. Phyllis Grosvenor evidently enjoyed her part as Tabby as much as did the audience, and she must have wondered later whether perhaps she had any Yorkshire ancestors. As the new maid, Martha, Hilma Southall gave a short but effective study.

The Rev. Patrick Brontë had a succession of curates of whom only two became known to us in the various scenes. The Rev. Wm. Weightman was quiet and retiring but evidently greatly admired Emily who heard with sorrow of his death later. This small part of Mr. Weightman was unobtrusively played by Smart. Several years later the Rev. Arthur Bell Nicholls was a curate at Haworth. He too was quiet and unassuming. Was it because Mr. Brontë preferred his curates to be so meek and amenable or because they must inevitably appear so beside the mentally vigorous and forceful personalities of the Brontë household? However, Mr. Nicholls was also quietly tenacious and in his suit of Charlotte he won the support of the shrewd Tabitha if not of the prejudiced Mr. Brontë to whom he was a devoted son when none of his children were left. In this difficult rôle—for it cannot be easy to appear slow, stupid and sentimental, and to be constantly told so—Harris gave a very pleasant and satisfying performance.

Charlotte Brontë, in spite of her family sorrows and secluded life, maintained her early friendships. It was, of course, an age when the epistolary style was greatly appreciated and ardently pursued. For Charlotte's marriage, Miss Wooler and Ellen Nussey came to Haworth and these two charming ladies were delightfully portrayed by Sheila Bullen and Betty Hands.

On two occasions the scene of the play moved away from the Parsonage. Miss Branwell provided the money for Charlotte and Emily to go to Brussels to study French. It was M. Heger who was the first perhaps to see the genius and potential greatness of

Emily's literary work and in Charlotte he realised her great emotional qualities and she, for the first time, fell in love.

As M. Heger, Nash presented the appearance and the sang-froid of the understanding professeur. As Mme. Heger, Mabel Craddock was the excitable, voluble and jealous wife, so glad to hear that the English sisters were leaving. As the inquisitive maid Blanche, eager to overhear and report conversations to her mistress, Jean Button was quiet, yet alert and nimble. E. Smith and Mary Harrold looked very charming as the little daughters of M. and Mme. Heger, and their piping tones were heard with pleasure as they said goodbye.

The other departure from Haworth in the scenes of the play was to London. Mr. Smith (Junior Partner of Smith, Elder and Co.) had dared to suggest that perhaps Curren, Ellis and Acton Bell were not three personalities but the varied noms-de-plume of one astute Yorkshireman. Hence the journey to their London publishers of Charlotte and Anne to refute the dreadful letter. Mr. Smith with Mr. Williams (First Reader), the sententious Mr. George Henry Lewes and the confident Mr. Thackeray, were discussing the phenomenal success of "Jane Eyre." Although the book broke every canon of literary art it had made money for the firm! Hence Mr. Smith's enthusiasm in spite of his friends' disapproval. The entrance of two ladies in this scene created considerable consternation among the literary gentlemen. Smith was particularly happy in his part as Mr. Smith, the publisher, and was well supported by Judd, MacDonald and Hunting. In the absence of Hindley, owing to illness, Honeysett enjoyed immensely—so did everyone else—his small part as the willing and smiling office boy.

The play throughout ran very smoothly yet we were aware of the passing of time and the changes it had brought in the household at Haworth.

The musical selections contributed again by Stevens, Stanley and Audrey James were greatly appreciated.

The School congratulates all the fortunate members of the cast, all the busy but unseen helpers behind the scenes and, above all, Miss Jones who, with "The Brontes" of 1937, has no less than twelve successful productions to her credit. All too soon now, in 1938, will enquiries begin as to what the next School Play will be. One answer, at any rate, can be supplied already—"As good as, or even better than, any of its twelve predecessors."

E.M.F.

End of Term Festivities.

ON December 15th Mr. Davies took a party, consisting of twenty girls and two boys, to entertain the Barnford Sons of Rest. The programme consisted of the following songs by the girls' choir, "Now on Land and Sea Descending" (*Handel*); "Spring" (*Nashe*); "Old Folks at Home," "Brother James' Air."

Vocal Solos: "O Love Divine" (M. Moore), "Lonely Woods" (M. Warr), "Ave Maria" (S. Bullen), "When the Birds Go North Again" (M. Moore).

Vocal Duet: "I Waited for the Lord" (M. Moore and M. Warr).

A Christmas poem was recited by M. Goode.

Pianoforte Solos by P. Andrews: Two of Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words," Moskowski's "Serenata."

Two Violin Solos were played by G. Hopkins: "Londonderry Air," "Minuet in G" (*Beethoven*).

The Sons of Rest were very appreciative and all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

On the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, December 15th and 16th, the lower and middle schools held their Christmas parties. These consisted of varied games and dances, to the music of the Middle School Bazuka Band, and, of course, this was followed by tea. These parties were very much enjoyed by everyone.

On the following night the Seniors held their end of term dance. About 170 members attended and all voted the evening a great success. The music was provided by the "New Empress" dance orchestra.

On Monday afternoon, December 20th, a very enjoyable entertainment was provided by the Staff.

To start the programme, community singing was led by Dr. Howard. This was followed by carols, sung by the Staff Carol Party. Some of the carols were new to us and some old favourites, but all were enjoyed—"The Coventry Carol," "Jacob's Ladder," "O Come All Ye faithful," "The Boar's Head Carol," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The next item, introduced by Mr. Knight-Coutts, was "Man Power," a burlesque of Victorian melodrama. The heroine was excellently presented by Miss Jones, and the father, hero and villain, although very different characters, were all acted by our quick-change artist, Mr. Hopkins. Congratulations to Euphemia and her Harry; also to the "sound effects" who succeeded in producing a very dramatic off-stage duel.

The next play was "The Battling Saxon," or "William the Dook," by Stephen Leacock, which gives the Battle of Hastings, through the eyes, or rather mouth, of a very modern American commentator. Miss Jones, as the lady of the castle "listening in" to the exciting account of the battle (broadcast as if it were a football match), is quite undisturbed by the news that her husband is killed, and merely wonders to which of his knights William will marry her. Miss Parry very charmingly played the demure daughter, and Mr. Knight-Coutts, as the varlet of the castle, very cleverly mended the wireless with a sledge-hammer. The running commentary of the battle was given by Mr. Newton-Hearn (in a rich American accent).

This was followed by a Radio sketch, which indicated the probable results of introducing wireless into every classroom for teaching purposes.

After this, rioting broke out between Dr. Howard, Mr. Davies, Mr. Hawley and Peter Andrews, for the position of best pianist in the School. A compromise was effected and we all enjoyed hearing all four of them play on the one piano at the same time.

Next came two very enjoyable scenes from "1066 and All That."

The first was "The Hall of Fame," with the following cast:—

<i>The Common Man</i>	...	Mr. Newton-Hearn.
<i>His Wife</i>	... ..	Miss Jones.
<i>Their Son</i>	... Dr. Johnstone	(plus liquorice stick).
<i>The Guide</i>	... ..	Mr. Hopkins.

The second was the scene with Henry VIII. and his six wives. The parts were played as follows:—

Compère—Mr. Hopkins.

<i>Henry VIII.</i>	... ..	Mr. Pearson.
<i>Catherine of Aragon</i>	... ..	Miss Allen.
<i>Anne Boleyn</i>	... ..	Miss Parry.
<i>Jane Seymour</i>	... ..	Miss Siviter.
<i>Anne of Cleves</i>	... ..	Miss Tweedie.
<i>Catherine Howard</i>	... ..	Miss Lewis.
<i>Catherine Parr</i>	... ..	Miss French.
<i>Monk</i>	... ..	Dr. Johnstone.
<i>Policeman</i>	... ..	Mr. Newton-Hearn.

A quarteau, consisting of Mr. Davies, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Richards and Dr. Johnstone, entertained the School between the dramatic items. Their songs were: "Passing By," "Little Tommy went a-fishing," "Dr. Foster went to Gloucester."

The School wishes to thank Dr. Howard and the Staff very much for a very enjoyable afternoon, and hopes it will not be the last Staff Entertainment.

Phyllis Grosvenor.

A Visit to Cadbury's.

ON July 19th a party of about 170 pupils went for a tour of Bournville. We arrived there about 9-30 a.m. and were conducted to the dining block where we received light refreshment.

After that we were divided into parties of ten, and put in charge of a guide. Buses were waiting to take us for a tour of the village and grounds. Different buildings and sports fields were pointed out and described by the guides.

We returned to the factory and were shown the different processes connected with the manufacture of cocoa, from the beans to the packing. It was very interesting to note the different ways of packing for the goods to be exported.

The next process we saw was the printing and making of chocolate boxes. From this building we passed to the magnificent swimming baths, well-equipped gymnasium and the pleasant recreation rooms. We crossed several lawns, passed the outdoor theatre, walked under the whale-bone arch, and finally entered the chocolate factory. Owing to the heat no-one was working here, but several young women demonstrated the methods employed in dipping centres and decorating chocolates. After this we went to the showroom, where all our parties gathered together. We were each presented with a sample box of the products of the factory, and then we left the building, to return to school after a very instructive and enjoyable tour.

Phyllis Grosvenor.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE. Lieutenant Miss J. L. DAVIES.

Company Leader—BEATRICE TAYLOR.

Company Treasurer and Secretary—MABEL CRADDOCK.

Leaders—MABEL CRADDOCK, JEAN WOODWARD, JEAN BUTTON,
JOYCE TURNER, IRIS HALL, BARBARA ROSE.

Seconds—B. BARKER, B. PHILLIPS, O. HARPER, E. READ.

THE School Guide Company has progressed profitably during last two terms, which have proved to be very busy and enjoyable ones.

At the beginning of the Summer Term the Company was entirely rearranged, when eight new leaders and seconds were appointed and a large number of recruits were welcomed into our midst. Our meetings were chiefly taken up with badge-work for the older Guides, while the recruits were trained for their Tenderfoot Test. We were able to enjoy many outdoor activities during the fine weather, in addition to our usual indoor programmes.

In June, the recruits were ready to be enrolled; consequently an Enrolment and Parents' Evening was held, and we welcomed all the recruits into our sisterhood. Miss Mander performed the enrolment and gave a very interesting address to the Guides. On this occasion we took the opportunity of showing to two Guides from Mexico, who had come with Miss Mander, how our meetings are conducted. The rest of the programme comprised games, dancing, "keep-fit" exercises, competitions and singing.

At the end of the Summer Term, the Guides challenged the School to a Tennis match. Needless to say it was a very easy win for the Guides.

The most important and thrilling event of our Guide Year was our holiday in Switzerland, in August. During the whole of the Summer Term our energies were used in raising funds for this journey; we held two successful Jumble Sales in Oldbury.

At last the long awaited time arrived. The holiday lasted ten days and the party, a very jolly one too, consisted of fourteen Guides and two Guiders from our own Company and also a few of the 1st Tettenhall Wood Company and their Captain, Miss Norman. Having left Birmingham behind us on Saturday, August 14th, we arrived in London to catch the boat train to Dover. We were

all so thrilled to think we were going abroad, that we could hardly realise it. After the midnight crossing of the Channel to Ostend, we first put our feet on foreign land at 1-30 a.m. in the morning. We travelled by train to Basle and within two hours of crossing the frontier there, we reached our destination—Lucerne, Central Switzerland—at 4-30 p.m. on the Sunday. Each day of that marvellous holiday provided a new interest. We experienced many glorious boat-trips on Lake Lucerne and a party climbed Mount Rigi. The most outstanding outing of all was that to the Rhône Glacier—a tour that will live long in our memories. The holiday ended all too soon and on the 21st of August we found ourselves bound for England again. Everyone enjoyed a splendid holiday.

Our sincerest thanks are due to Captain and Lieutenant for organising the holiday and for enabling us all to have the best holiday of our lives.

The Guides returned at the beginning of the Autumn Term feeling very fit.

The most outstanding event during the latter term was the enrolment, to which we invited Mrs. Rose, our District Commissioner. Six new Guides were enrolled into our Company.

At Half Term, it was decided to buy two dozen dolls out of Company Funds, for the Guides to dress and send as our Christmas gifts to the poorer children of the district. The dolls were on show at the enrolment and the Guides had obtained such good results, that six, instead of one, were judged worthy of a prize.

At the end of the Autumn Term and during the Christmas Holidays the Guides were very busy beginning rehearsals of their Annual Display, which is to be presented in February.

Mabel Craddock.

Old Students' Successes.

At Birmingham University.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE:—

Honours Degree of B.Sc. in Civil Engineering, 1st Class—
J. R. Greenwood.

Ordinary Degree of B.Sc. in Industrial Fermentation, Div. I.—
R. H. Murray.

(To be granted Degree after further year's approved study.)

1st Examination for Ordinary Degree of B.Sc.—

B. R. Roebuck (Pure Maths. II., Applied Maths. II.x.,
Physics II., Chemistry II.).

G. D. Thomas (Pure Maths. II., Physics II., Chemistry
II.).

FACULTY OF ARTS:—

School of History.

Subsidiary French at end of 2nd year—T. Greaves.

1st Examination—Dorothy Bagnall, Linda Hands, Elizabeth
Keyte.

FACULTY OF LAW:—

Degree of Master of Laws—D. C. Stevens (part of examina-
tion).

EDUCATION:—

University Primary Teachers' Certificate.

Division II. in Part 1 and in Part 2—Muriel P. A. G. Homer,
Nancy D. Poole, Beatrice D. Taylor.

Completed the Examination—Gwendolyn Jones.

E. Knott—Ph.D.—Frankfort University.

W. J. Mason—Qualified as Sanitary Inspector.

C. E. Greaves—Associate of Library Association.

P. F. Granville-Barker—2nd Examination (Part 2) and 3rd
Examination (Part 1) for Diploma of Dental Surgery.

The Cresconians.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Cresconians was held on
May 24th at the School, the chair being taken by Dr. C. C.
Howard, the president.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. C. A. Richards, briefly
reported upon the season's activities. The Treasurer, Mr. Peers,
read his report which showed a very satisfactory balance in hand
in spite of a deficit on the working of the year.

Miss M. Bowen for the Hockey, and Mr. T. V. Lewis for the
Football section reported an enjoyable if not particularly successful

season. On many occasions, however, the team were players short and all who are leaving school and are desirous of continuing either of these sports are advised to get in touch with the respective secretaries.

Mr. C. Bagnall reported that the small yet enthusiastic Cricket section, although only able to play on "away" ground had prospered well.

Mr. Richards reported that the Rifle section had met with great success and were to be congratulated on being the local champions.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, there being several changes. Miss C. A. Anderson, Mrs. L. G. Quayle and Miss D. Williams were elected vice-presidents.

Mr. L. W. Blundell and Mr. J. V. Lewis were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively. Mr. Richards added that he was sorry that Miss Anderson had relinquished the post of secretary which she had held for the past 12 years. Continuing, he said that every member present would agree that Miss Anderson had done a wonderful amount of work in the interest of the Association—and it was with great regret that we accepted her resignation.

The full Committee for the season 1937-38, is as follows:—
C. Spalding, T. Greaves, C. Bagnall, C. Greenwood, Miss N. Birt,
Miss F. M. Bowen, Miss W. Busby, Mrs. L. Jephcott, Mrs. N. Murray.

The dances held this season have so far been very enjoyable, particularly the President's Evening in October, and the Christmas dance, and it was gratifying to see so many of the new school leavers and members of the staff at the opening function.

I should like to take this opportunity of extending an invitation to all students who will be leaving school this year to become members of the Cresconians. Rule 4 of the Association has been altered and now reads: "But that this subscription shall be waived until the end of the first complete session of any individual membership, in the case of those who apply for membership within 3 months of leaving school." Admission for such new members is only 1/- for each Association function—and there were over 30 such members this year.

It is only by increasing, or at least maintaining, our number than one can prove that the School motto "Cresco"—I grow—is no idle boast.

L.W.B.

This Business of Earning One's Living.

IN TWO PARTS.

PART I.

ON the thirteenth of December, 1937, three "small" boys stood trembling on the steps of one of H.M. Post Offices. They were met by a supervisor, who told them to "sign on." After doing so, they were led to tables at the back of which were erected banks of pigeon-holes labelled Scotland, Ireland, Wales, London, and of course there was one for Blackheath. They were instructed how to hold the letters and how to place them in the right holes.

Full of vim and vigour they soon devoured the piles of letters which were placed in front of them and were just about to sit back and breath once more, when, behold, another titanic heap had sprung up in front of them. Still undeterred they attacked these and everything went smoothly until they were politely, but firmly informed that Gloucester was *not* in Scotland.

At last the clock crawled round and after "signing off" they tottered home—to bed and dreams of unlimited wealth.

The next week, Christmas week, seemed comparatively quiet after the rush on Friday, which was due to the fact that a certain firm was, and is still widely patronised on that day. Still they did not do too badly considering that they sorted 65,000 letters on the Thursday alone ("Half-back and back bear the shock of attack—etc.).

On Christmas Eve they said good-bye to their colleagues, who had really made their visit enjoyable, and went home to hang up their stockings and go to bed.

PART II.

On the following Wednesday three "little" boys marched through the swing-doors of one of His Majesty's Post Offices to collect their earnings. After receiving these, they did a horn-pipe in the Post Office yard, and then quickly vanished down the street in case the officials found they had given them too much.

S.A.N.

Reflections on Leaving School, 1937.

There is something final and desolate
About that last " Goodbye,"
We know there is no returning
And scarce can repress a sigh,
The sigh for an age that is over,
Games in the wind and sun,
And the lazy stretch on the green playing fields
When examinations were done;
And the joy to be found in books,
The " realms of gold " we explored
For a treasure-trove of lovely thoughts,
Some forgotten poets hoard.

Everything becomes dear to us,
Things that we hardly saw—
The desk and the bench and the peg,
Taken for granted before,
And the whole untidy form-room
With the sunlight patch on the floor
And only joys are remembered,
The sorrows are wiped away,
And the troubles that loomed important once
Seem vague and far away,
And we laugh to think that we troubled once
What old " so-and-so " might say!

We have left behind the place we knew,
The place where we were known,
Where we were rather important folk
And now we must stand on our own;
And we are rather afraid that the world may laugh,
We feel young and small and alone,
And we turn with a rush of thankfulness
To the white and the green and the blue
And all that those colours stood for,
And the friends we loved and knew,
And we know it will always gladden our hearts,
The sight of the white, the green and the blue.

Barbara Farrow, Form VI.

Autumn.

When purple mists enclose the vale
 And tinted leaves lie on the ground,
 And sun gives way for frost and gale
 And wind's low notes through trees doth sound,
 When clouds skim o'er the barren hill,
 The finch chirps loud with notes that thrill,
 Chirp-chirp,
 Chirp-chirp! Chirp-chirp! A cheerful tune,
 Amid the cheerless Autumn gloom.

When swallows have all flown away,
 And toads start croaking by the stream,
 And squirrels change their coat of grey,
 And onions hang upon the beam;
 When nuts are ripe, then by the mill
 The finch chirps loud with notes that thrill,
 Chirp-chirp,
 Chirp-chirp! Chirp-chirp! A cheerful tune,
 Amid the cheerless Autumn gloom.

D. J. Smart, VA.

Summer.

When grass is wet with morning dew,
 And dawn is breaking clear and bright,
 And dainty clouds of primrose hue,
 And sunbeams, too, dispel the night;
 When flowers awake to greet the day,
 'Tis then the cuckoo sings this lay,
 Cuckoo!
 Cuckoo! Cuckoo! A joyous sound!
 While rabbits scamper o'er the ground.

When butterflies flit to and fro
 And scent of roses fills the air,
 When coolest western breezes blow,
 And sway the stately lilies fair;
 When ploughmen rest on scented hay,
 'Tis then the cuckoo sings this lay,
 Cuckoo!
 Cuckoo! Cuckoo! A joyous sound!
 While rabbits scamper o'er the ground.

M. Goode, VA.

A Christmas Carol.

In Bethlehem was born a King,
Whose love did save us all,
And to His glory bells now ring
And peace shall be to all.

Our Lord was in a stable born,
A manger for his bed,
While shepherds tending flocks that morn
Were filled with fear and dread.

A bright light shone up in the sky,
The shepherds gazed with fright,
An angel from the Lord on high
Then spoke from out the night.

"Fear not" he said, "be not afraid,
Good tidings now I bring,
For in a manger gently laid
Is Jesus Christ, the King."

Wise men then came and they did bring
Their gifts of things most rare,
And gave unto the new-born King,
Gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Peal out O bells this Christmas morn,
With joyfulness we sing
Our humble thanks, for He was born,
Our Saviour, Christ the King.

Eileen Lancaster, Form IVA.

Evening Echoes.

List' to the nightingale on yonder tree,
He sings at night o'er meadowland and lea;
The hooting owl, bathed in moonlight bright,
Shatters the peaceful stillness of the night;
The old church clock is chiming loud and clear,
Its bell-like tone resounding far and near.

A. J. Jones, VB.

A Christmas Carol.

'Twas in a manger long ago,
 When the wintry winds did blow,
 That Jesus Christ our King was born,
 Upon that earliest Christmas morn.

About that time came from afar,
 Three wise men led by a star,
 In princely pomp with presents meet,
 They came to worship at His feet.

In swaddling clothes the babe was laid,
 There for human view displayed,
 There they found the Infant King,
 To Him they did their presents bring.

To Him they gave their gifts so rare,
 Of gold and frankincense and myrrh,
 But earthly crowns were not for Him,
 He came to rescue us from sin.

And then in heaven did angels sing,
 Praises to their new-born King,
 And now on earth we celebrate,
 This great and joyous festive date.

K. Hadley, Form IVA.

Shoes.

My Lady Moon has silver shoes,
 I love to see her pass;
 They sparkle as Cinderella's did,
 Those shining shoes of glass.

Sir Sun, that fine old gentleman,
 Has gorgeous shoes of gold;
 He bought them in an eastern town,
 At least so I've been told.

Now if you could buy a pretty pair,
 I wonder would you choose,
 My Lady Moon's sweet silver ones
 Or Sir Sun's golden shoes.

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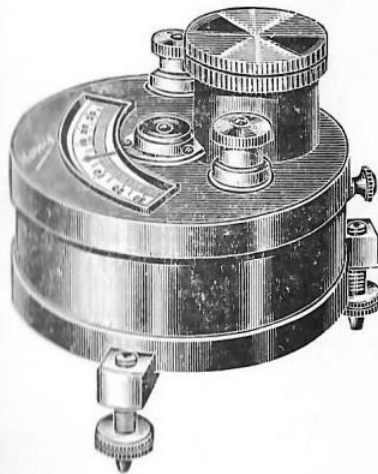
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